

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
CHATTAHOOCHEE-OCONEE NATIONAL FOREST

ORDER NUMBER: 08-03-00-25-01

Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest

FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), for the protection of the public and natural resources, the following act or omission is prohibited on all lands and waters that comprise the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest in Georgia. The provisions shall remain in effect from March 27, 2025, through June 30, 2025, or until terminated by an authorized Forest Service official, whichever occurs first.

Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire (including charcoal-based fire whether contained in a grill or not).

36 CFR 261.52(a)

Possessing, discharging, or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device. 36 CFR 261.52(f).

Note: Commercially available fuel stoves (camp stoves) are excluded from this restriction.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State or Local Law Enforcement Officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart

A. Executed in Gainesville, Georgia, this 27th day of March 2025.

JUDY TOPPINS
Forest Supervisor

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).