

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
CHATTAHOOCHEE-OCONEE NATIONAL FORESTS
ORDER NUMBER: 08-03-00-26-03

SPRING 2026 NORTHERN DISTRICTS FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), for the protection of the public and natural resources, the following acts or omissions are prohibited on all NFS lands that comprise the Blue Ridge Ranger District, Chattooga River Ranger District, and Conasauga Ranger District on the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest in Georgia (see map; Exhibit A). The provisions shall remain in effect from April 17, 2026, through June 01, 2026, or until terminated by an authorized Forest Service official, whichever occurs first.

Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire except within a developed recreation site. 36 CFR 261.52(a)

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

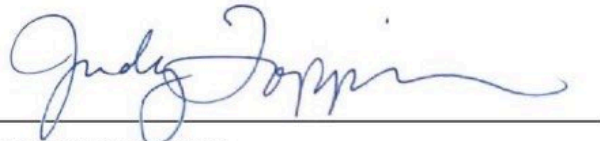
Note: Commercially available fuel stoves (camp stoves) are permitted, and such devices are excluded from this restriction.

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 17th day of April 2026.



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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).