

CHATTAHOOCHEE-OCONEE NATIONAL FORESTS

FINGERTIP FACTS

Forest Supervisor – Kathleen Atkinson
Deputy Forest Supervisor Andy Colaninno

Acres

Chattahoochee National Forest (NF) (established 1936)	749,690
Oconee NF (established 1959)	115,354
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests Total	865,044

Employees

Permanent	217
Term	10
Temporary	13
SCSEP	117
Total Workforce	357

Budget

FY 1998	14,126,732
FY 1999	12,919,614
FY 2000	15,488,586
FY 2001	16,771,125
FY 2002	16,284,089
FY 2003	10,258,877

County Returns

Year	NF Fund Receipts (25%)
CY 1998	328,311
CY 1999	283,794
CY 2000	52,789
CY 2001	1,220,968
CY 2002	1,230,736
CY 2003	Not Available

Prescribed Fire and Wildfires

Year	Prescribed Fire Acres Treated	Wildfires Acres Burned
FY 1998	34,301	438
FY 1999	42,863	7,328
FY 2000	30,502	1,874
FY 2001	13,358	3,255
FY 2002	17,480	1,503
FY 2003	13,900	295

Southern Pine Beetle Spots

Year	Forest (Spots – Acres)	Wilderness (Spots – Acres)
FY 1999	171	157
FY 2000	826	97
FY 2001	147	14
FY 2002	3,400	unknown
FY 2003	400	unknown

**Red-cockaded woodpecker (RCW) Population
(by clusters: 1-4 birds in a cluster)**

	Oconee NF
Active	15
Inactive	11

Timber Sold

Year	Green	Salvage	Total (MBF)
FY 1997	7,856	3,387	11,243
FY 1998	16,639	2,988	19,628
FY 1999	3,283	498	3,781
FY 2000	96	286	382
FY 2001	123	324	447
FY 2002	42	484	527
FY 2003	149	1,586	1,735

Timber Harvested

Year	Amount (MBF)	Value
FY 1997	27,088	2,366,500
FY 1998	13,750	1,156,483
FY 1999	9,263	964,417
FY 2000	823	51,008
FY 2001	1,006	32,676
FY 2002	637	15,057
FY 2003	1,479	58,279

Harvest Methods (by acres of timber); Sold – but not necessarily cut

	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Clearcut	65	24	26	28	0	0
Shelterwood	152	79	0	0	0	0
Seedtree	156	184	0	0	0	0
Seedtree Removal	65	0	0	0	0	0
Selection	45	0	0	0	0	0
Silvicultural Thinning	3,809	255	0	0	0	0
RCW Cluster, Replacement/Recruitment Thin	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salvage	708	38	16	0	28	15
Permanent Clearing for R-O-W	19	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5,019	580	42	28	28	15

Net Annual Timber Growth: 38.9 cubic feet/acre/year

**Age Class Distribution
(by acres by percent)**

	%	Acres
0 – 30 Years Old	17	142,011
31 – 60 Years Old	7	64,333
61 – 90 Years Old	38	323,088
91 – 120 Years Old	31	272,478
120 + Years Old	7	57,547

Age Class Distribution

Year	Acres Planted	Acres Naturally Regenerated
FY 1997	914	0
FY 1998	1,141	109
FY 1999	966	0
FY 2000	98	0
FY 2001	0	0
FY 2002	170	0
FY 2003	7	0
Total	3,296	109

Special Areas

Acres

Wilderness (10 areas)	117,378
Scenic (7 areas)	11,163
Research Natural Areas	1,000
Streamside Management Zones	97,332*
RCW Habitat Management Areas	83,865
Ed Jenkins NRA	23,166

*Includes a 125' Buffer of Blue Line Streams

Miles of Forest Service Roads – 1,617

Developed Recreation Sites

Campsites	804
Picnic Sites	252
Swim Beaches	4
Visitor Centers	4
Shooting Ranges	4
Overlooks	7

Approximately 2 – 3 million visits to the NF yearly.

Designated Trails (in miles)

Hike Only	454
Hike and Bike Only	7
Horse Only	138
Hike, Bike, Horse	48
Off-Road Vehicle	133
Mountain Bike Only	21

NEPA Decisions Completed

Year	Decision Memos	Decision Notices
FY 1997	12	0
FY 1998	12	0
FY 1999	12	0
FY 2000	12	2
FY 2001	12	0
FY 2002	20	2
FY 2003	11	3

Law Enforcement Data

Year	Warnings	Incidents	Violations	Year Total
FY 1997	699	2,350	1,560	4,609
FY 1998	1,611	2,116	1,540	5,267
FY 1999	1,517	763	2,401	4,681
FY 2000	1,012	1,454	2,026	4,492
FY 2001	930	1,416	2,186	4,532
FY 2002	591	476	2,376	3,443
FY 2003	673	614	2,192	3,479

Ranger Districts and Rangers

Armuchee/Cohutta	Debbie Whitman
Brasstown	Alan Polk
Chattooga	Michael Gryson
Oconee	William Nightingale
Tallulah	Dave Jensen
Toccoa	Cassius Cash

Staff Officers: Larry Lockett—Recreation, Engineering, Cultural Resources, Land, Minerals, Special Uses
Ray Ellis—Timber, Soil, Water, Air, Fire, Wildlife, Fisheries
Karen McKenzie—Public Affairs, Interpretation, Conservation Education, State and Private Forestry
Dave Smith—Planning

U.S. Senators

Saxby Chambliss (R)	202-224-3521	Zell Miller (D)	202-224-3643
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U.S. Representatives

Jack Kingston (R)	202-225-5831	Mac Collins (R)	202-225-5901
Sanford Bishop, Jr. (D)	202-225-3631	Charlie Norwood (R)	202-225-4101
Jim Marshall (D)	202-225-6531	Nathan Deal (R)	202-225-5211
Denise Majette (D)	202-225-1605	Phil Gingrey (R)	202-225-2931
John Lewis (D)	202-225-3801	Max Burns (R)	202-225-2823
Johnny Isakson (R)	202-225-4501	David Scott (D)	202-225-2939
John Linder (R)	202-225-4272		

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**Conservation Education and Interpretive Activities
FY 2003**

<i>Activities</i>	<i>Participation</i>
Essay & Art Contest “What trees mean to America”	2,327
Georgia Envirothon	336
Camp Best Friends	252
Classroom Programs	3,917
Smokey/Woodsy Programs	10,170
Leave No Trace (Wilderness Ed)	630
Environmental Ed Field Trips to Forest	2,201
Foxfire Night Hikes	564
Mobile Classroom (Ga. Forestry Commission)	3,066
Festivals & Special Events	<u>127,671</u>
<i>GRAND TOTAL</i>	<i>151,226</i>