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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above Restrictions ..

Page 42 OF THE HUNTING Seasons & regulations dated July 2020-June2021 states under WMA
ACTIVITIES STATES:

"Camping, or establishment of a campsite, shall be limited to a maximum of 14 consecutive days, after which the campsite shall be vacated and all personally owned property or physical features of the camp must be removed for a period of not less than 7 days. During that 7-day period, a new campsite may not be established within the boundaries of the same WMA or within 1-mile straight-line radius of the vacated campsite by the same person(s) ."

The proposal in this letter states :

"Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests (CONF). Camping or maintaining a campsite in developed and dispersed areas in excess of 14 days within any 30-day time period. After the camper has accumulated 14 days within any 30-day time period, the camper must leave that area/campground and move from CONF land before returning for another stay. (36 CFR 261.58(a)) 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."

It is strange that you folks seem to be inundated with MANY special use PERMIT requests for GUIDES asking for Bear hunting and Trout fishing IN JUST ABOUT every stream and river IN NORTH GEORGIA, along with MANY other events at the same time THEN this letter comes out? stretching out the camping on the WMAs.. It almost sounds like somebody is giving the REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL use an EXTRA hand with The # 1. above ?? I hope I am WRONG THERE ..I can understand the part about the LEO's , Rescue personnel. Firefighters and such .. ABSOLUTELY .. But IF this is a roundabout way of HELPING the special requests NOT SO MUCH ... ARE THERE THAT MANY PEOPLE CAMPING on WMA AND NATIONAL FOREST LAND for EXCESSIVE AMOUNTS OF TIME TO WARRANT THIS ?? If so, I would suggest you check them out and arrest them for violations of the rules you set out to start with

Thank You
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Silence is leading us to Socialism which is only a pause on the road to Communism