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TO: Mr. Edward Hunter, Forest Supervisor, Gainesville, GA

FROM: Connie & Gerald Hodge, Cherry Log, GA

RE: Comments on New Rule Concerning Limits to Camping Rule (14 days max)

Dear Sir,

We support the proposed new rule, as it is reasonable, fair and shall result in several positive outcomes:

1. frees up campsites for other interested parties & / or allows the campsite immediate area to decompress from sustained human presence
 2. limits "sandbagging" in one place, which results in bad human behavior begetting bad wildlife behavior
 3. potentially allows for information sharing between the truly homeless and professionals in the FS.
- * By this we mean, resource information made available to those that identify as homeless: St. Vincent de Paul Georgia | Bringing Hope and Help to Those in Need (svdpgeorgia.org)
 - * Please refer those who appear in need to SVDP. All of North GA - including the Chattahoochee /Oconee NF, is served by a SVDP Society associated with the Catholic Church. Or, the nearby Protestant Church, as they often provide outreach ministries to the homeless & those in need.

Thank you for all that you and your team of dedicated professionals do to protect, preserve and persevere in support of our NFs.

V/r,

Connie & Gerald Hodge

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