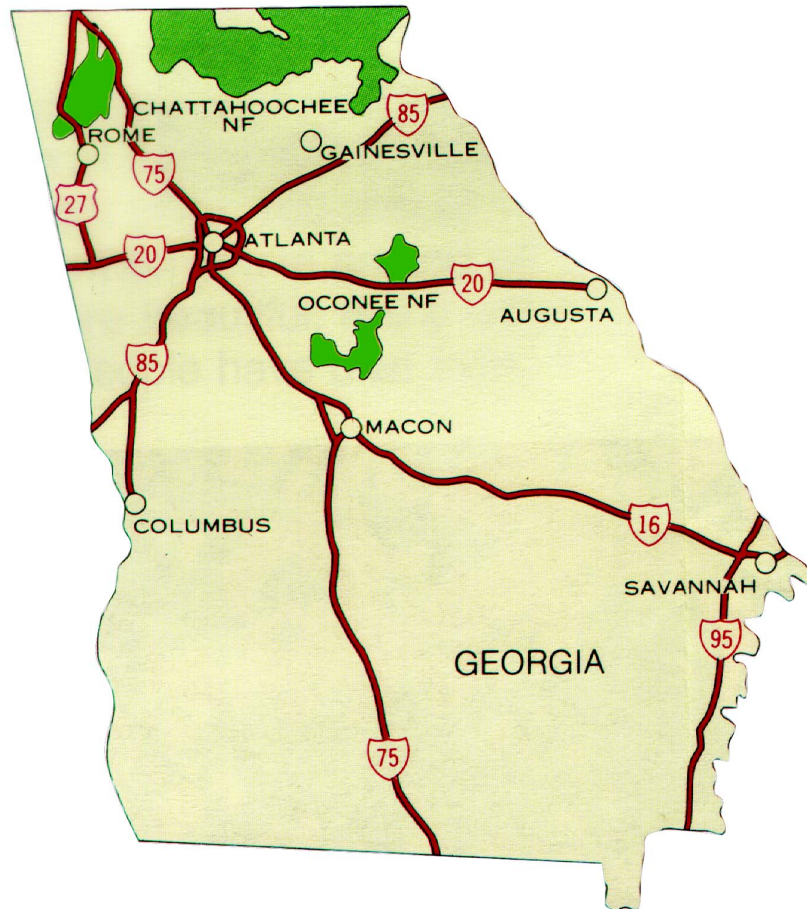


Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests 2005 Quick Facts



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Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest

Quick Facts for 2005

Chattahoochee National Forest Acres	750,502
Oconee National Forest Acres	115,353
Total Acres in Georgia	865,855

List of Georgia Counties Housing National Forest Land:

Chattahoochee National Forest

County	Acres	District
Banks	650	Chattooga
Catoosa	6	Armuchee-Cohutta
Chattooga	19,390	Armuchee-Cohutta
Dawson	6,760	Toccoa
Fannin	106,130	Toccoa and Armuchee-Cohutta
Floyd	6,620	Armuchee-Cohutta
Gilmer	55,074	Toccoa and Armuchee-Cohutta
Gordon	8,076	Armuchee-Cohutta
Habersham	39,874	Chattooga
Lumpkin	56,982	Toccoa, Brasstown, Chattooga
Murray	51,696	Armuchee-Cohutta
Rabun	148,684	Tallulah
Stephens	23,304	Chattooga
Towns	57,538	Brasstown, Chattooga, Tallulah
Union	97,839	Brasstown, Chattooga, Toccoa
Walker	18,844	Armuchee-Cohutta
White	41,316	Chattooga
Whitfield	11,719	Armuchee-Cohutta

Oconee National Forest:

Greene	26,659	Oconee
Jasper	30,312	Oconee
Jones	16,461	Oconee
Morgan	308	Oconee
Oconee	157	Oconee
Oglethorpe	3,762	Oconee
Putnam	37,443	Oconee
Monroe	251	Oconee

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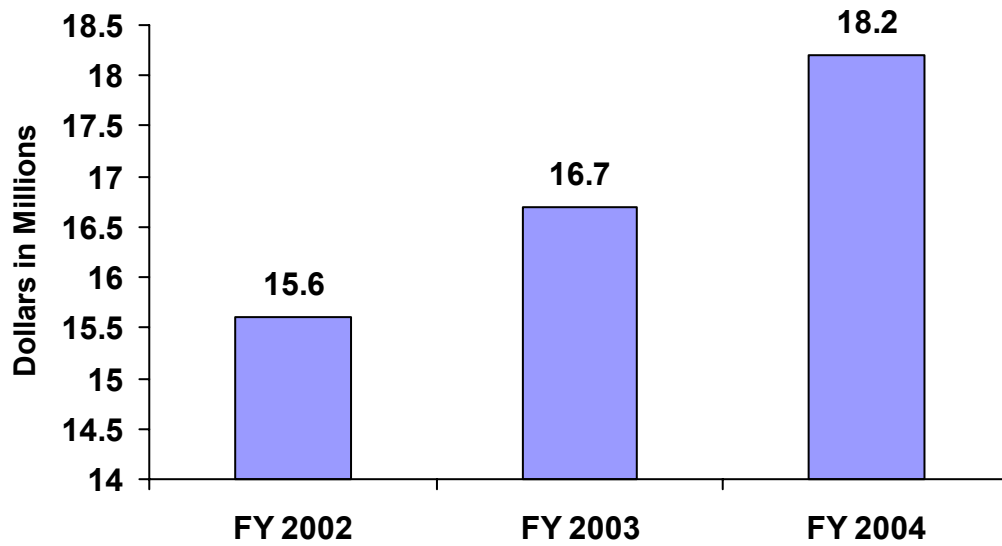
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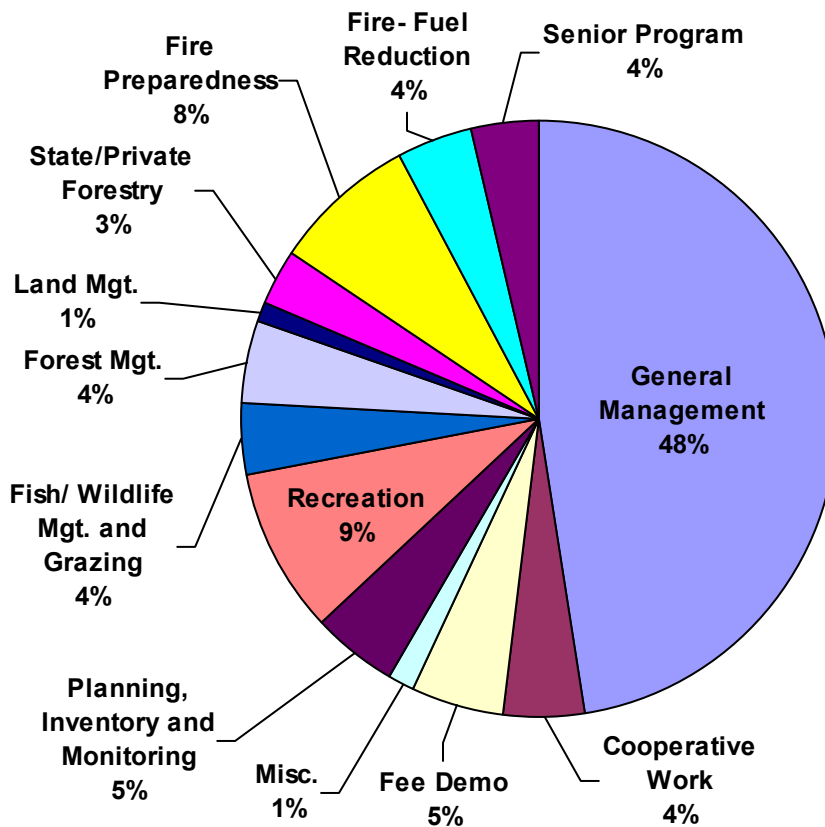
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Budget for the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest



FY 2004 Budget Breakdown



The general management category includes the cost pools for general management, strategic planning and analysis, legislative and public communications, ongoing business services, common and shared services.

Congressionally Designated Wilderness Areas in Georgia

(Existing)	Acres	County
Big Frog	83	Fannin
Cohutta	35,233	Fannin/ Gilmer
Ellicot Rock	2,073	Rabun
Southern Nantahala	12,949	Towns/ Rabun/ White/ Lumpkin
Raven Cliffs	9,113	Towns
Brasstown	12,949	Union/ Towns/ White
Tray Mountain	10,414	Towns/ Rabun
Rich Mountain	10,343	Gilmer
Blood Mountain	7,800	Lumpkin/ Union/ White
Mark Trail	<u>16,880</u>	Towns
Total	117,837	

Proposed Wilderness Additions

Areas recommended in the Forest Land and Resource Management Plan to be added to the existing congressionally designated wilderness system. All areas are adjacent to existing wilderness.

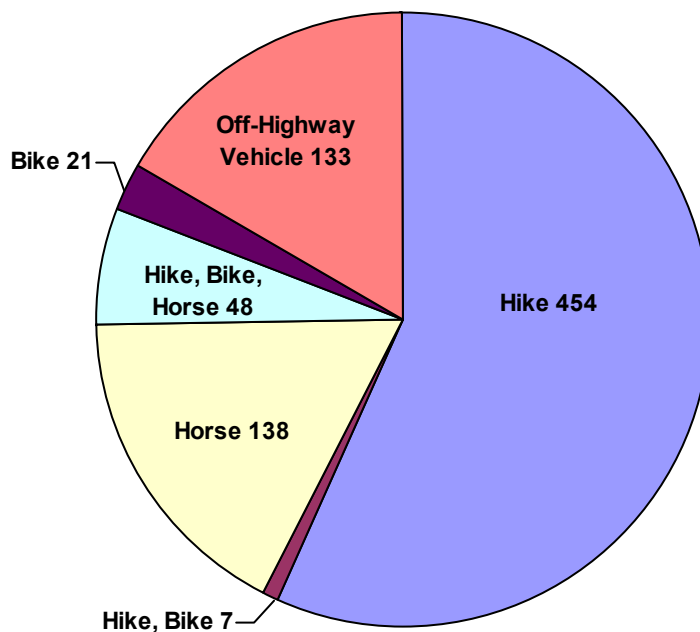
	Acres	County	Adjacent WA
Ben Gap	1,294	Towns	Southern Nantahala
Cedar Mountain	561	Lumpkin	Blood Mountain
Duck Branch	190	Union	Brasstown
Ellicot Rock Addition	562	Rabun	Ellicot Rock
Foster Branch	165	Fannin	Cohutta
Helton Creek	2,451	Union	Raven Cliffs
Ken Mountain	527	Fannin	Cohutta
Shoal Branch	412	Towns	Southern Nantahala
Tate Branch	1,085	Towns/ Rabun	Southern Nantahala
Tripp Branch	638	Towns	Tray Mountain
Wilson Cove	<u>563</u>	Towns	Brasstown
Total	8,448		

Recreation Facts for the National Forests in Georgia

Developed Facilities:

Campsites	804
Picnic Sites	252
Swim Beaches	4
Visitor Centers	3
Shooting Ranges	4
Overlooks	7

Designated Trails (in miles)



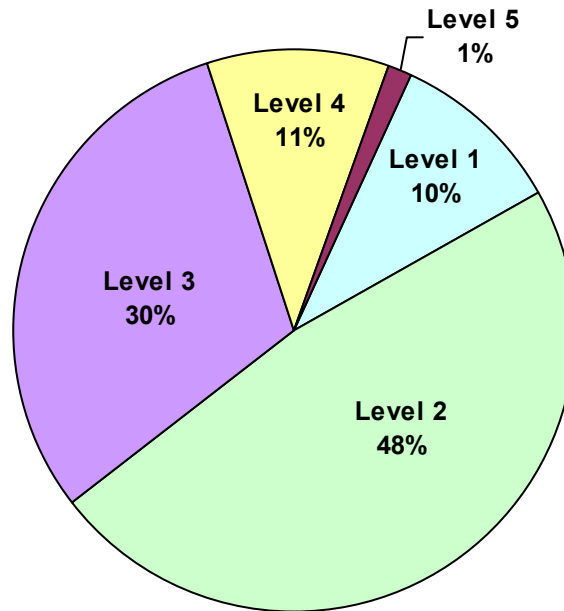
Top Ten Visitor Uses of the Forest

1. Relaxing
2. Hiking/ Walking
3. Fishing
4. Developed Camping
5. Other non-motorized activities
6. Primitive Camping
7. Driving for pleasure
8. Hunting
9. Biking
10. OHV Use

* Data taken from National Visitor Use Monitoring Results Draft- May 2004

Roads on the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests

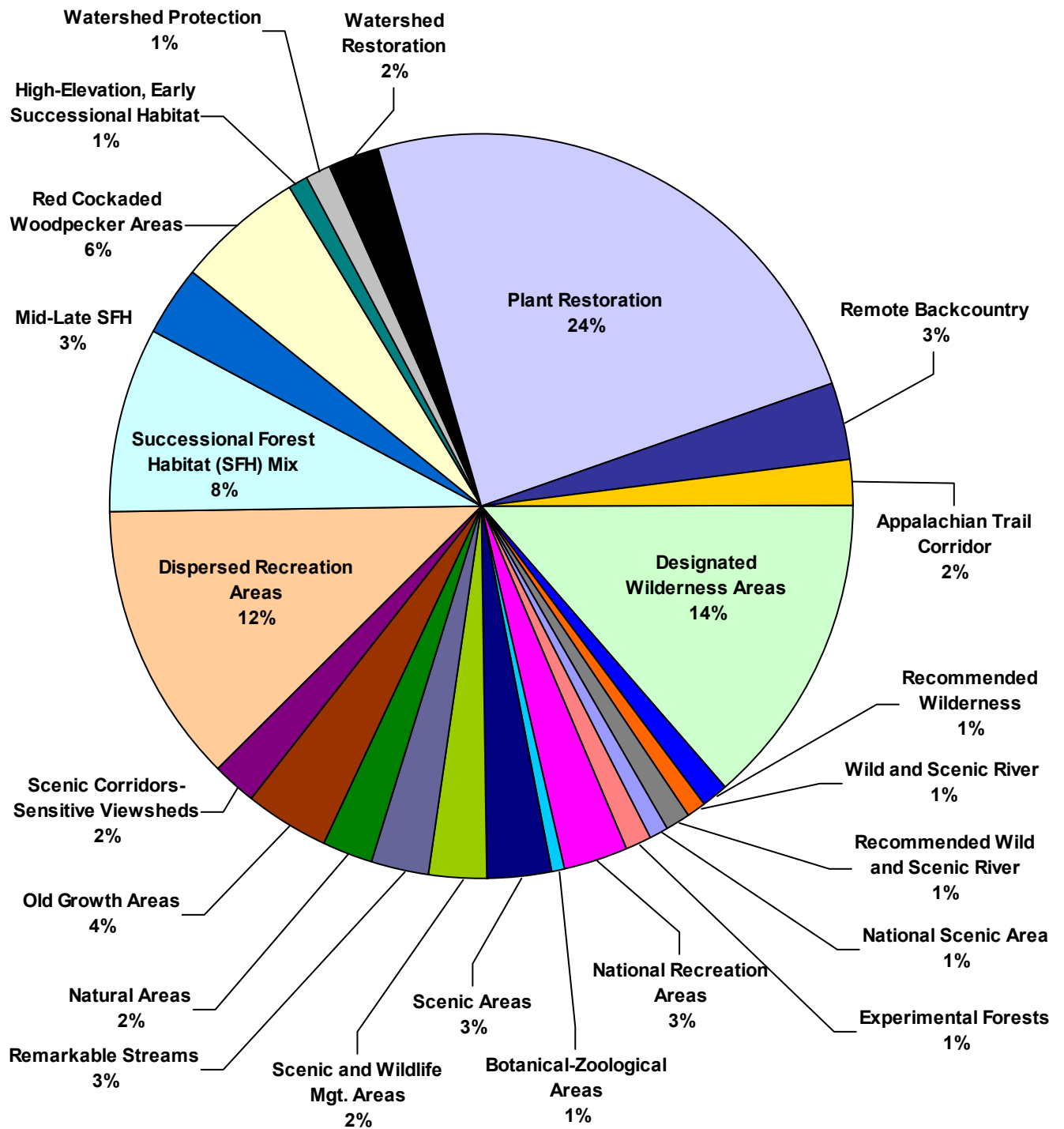
There are 1546 miles of roads available on the national forests for use categorized from level one to level five roads.



Road Definitions

- Level 1-** Road closed for more than one year.
- Level 2-** High clearance vehicles.
- Level 3-** Passenger vehicles, the surface is not smooth.
- Level 4-** Passenger vehicles, the surface is smooth.
- Level 5-** Passenger vehicles, dust free, possibly paved.

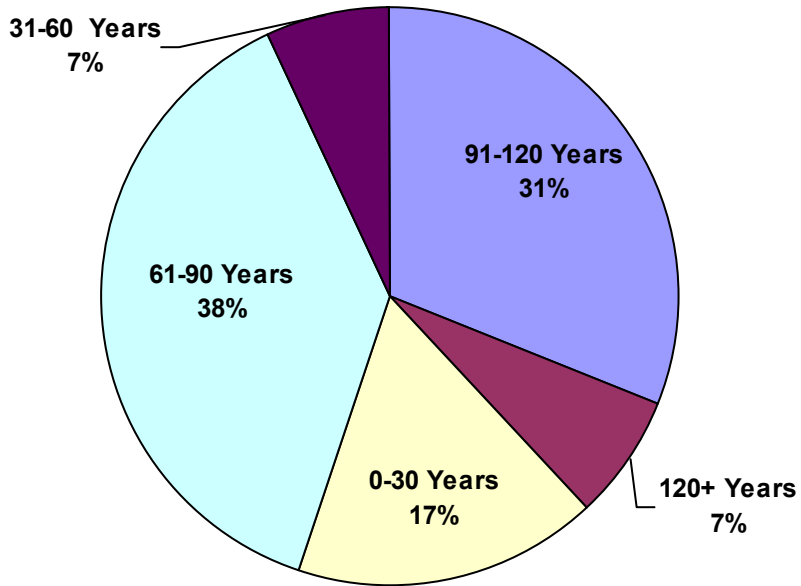
Forest Use by Type on the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests



** Data taken from Table 3-1, Management Prescription Acreage, Land Management Resource Plan, January 2004. Values for Research Natural Areas, Scenic Byway Corridors, Proposed National Recreation Areas and Rare Communities and administrative categories are not represented since their acreage was too small to register as a percentage.

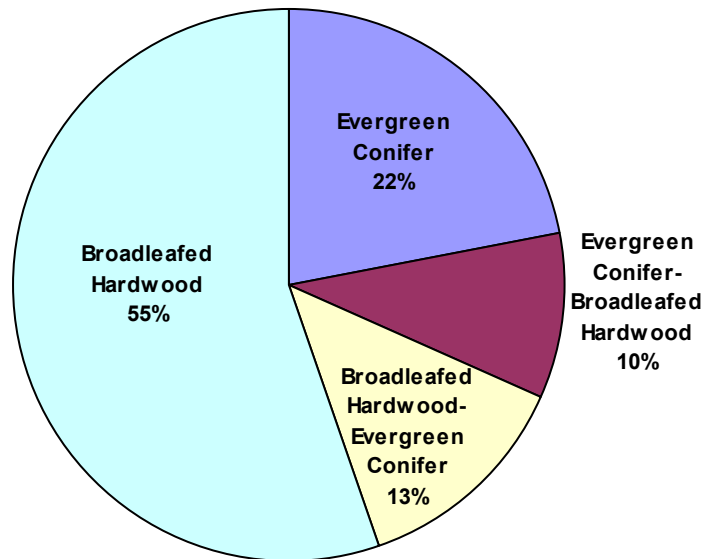
Composition of the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests

Age distribution of trees in the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest



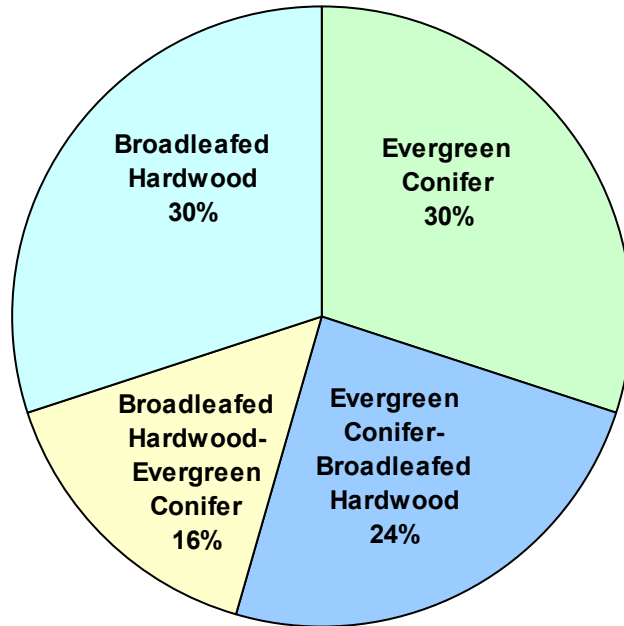
Types of Trees by Ecological Section

Blue Ridge Section- Chattahoochee National Forest minus the Ridge and Valley province in NW Georgia

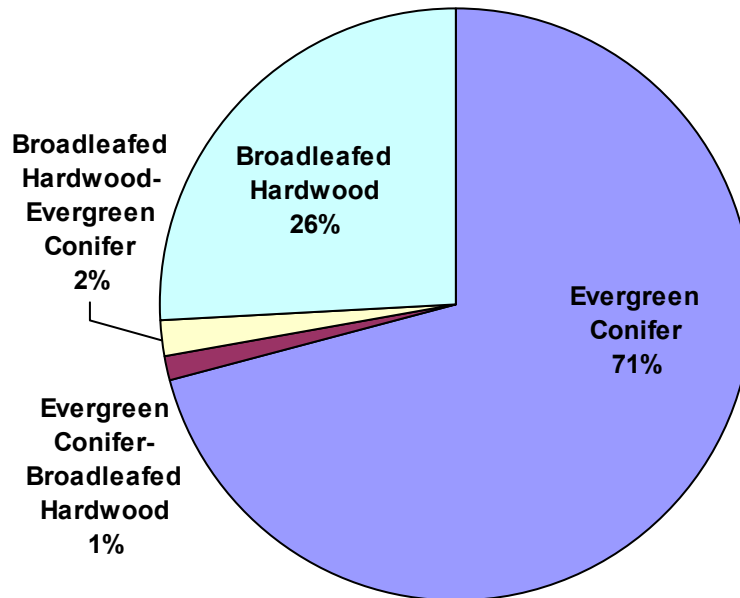


Composition of the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests continued

Southern Ridge and Valley Section- Section of Chattahoochee National Forest located in NW Georgia

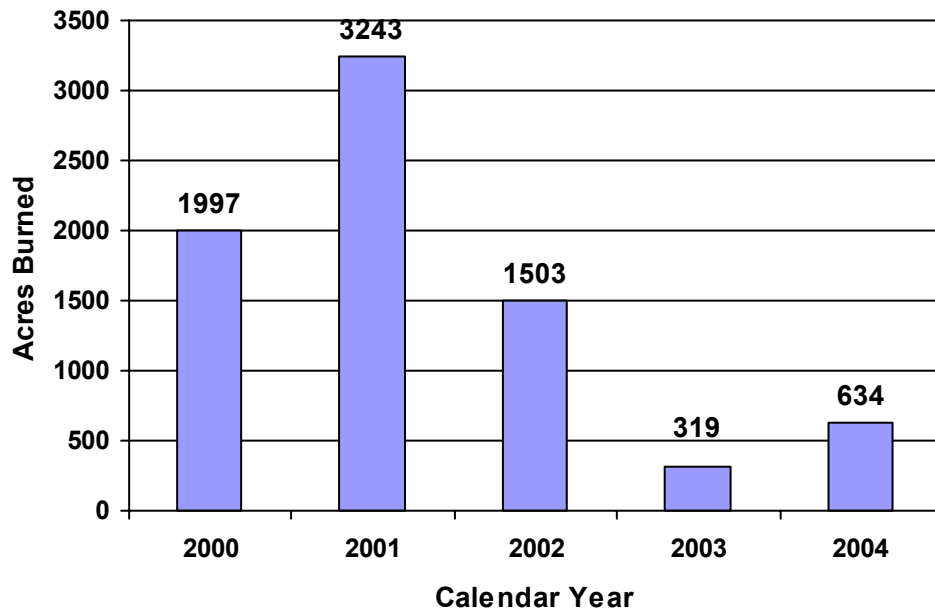


Southern Appalachian Piedmont Section- Oconee National Forest



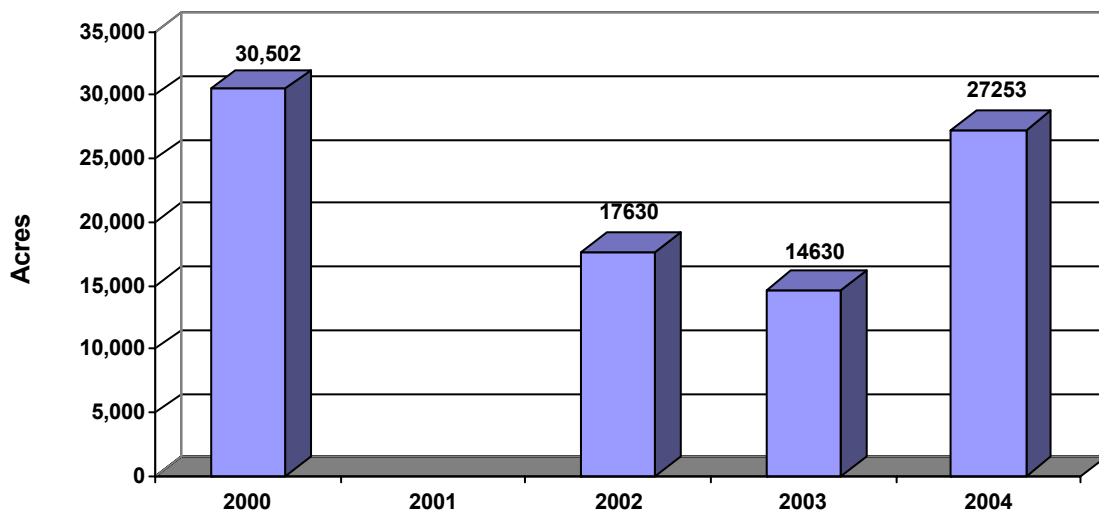
Fighting Fire on the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests

Wildfire Activity



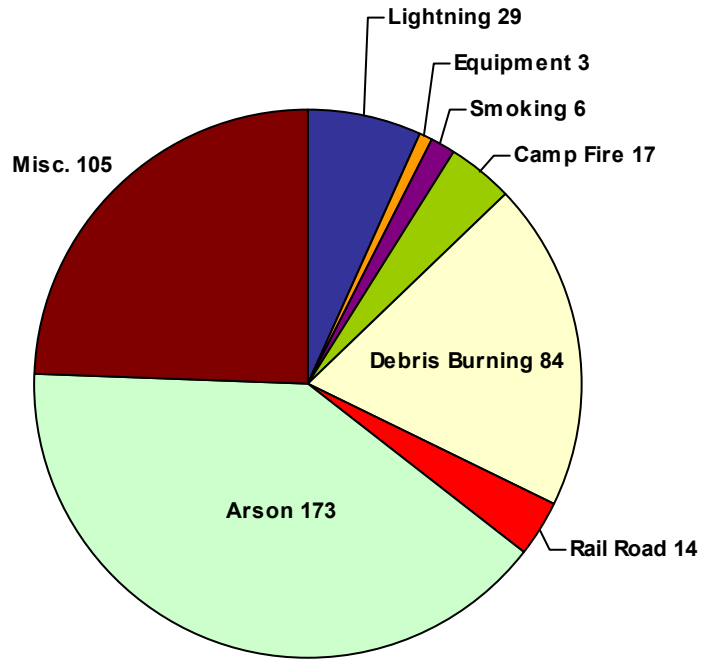
Prescribed Burning: Fiscal Year 2000-2004

Prescribed burns are fires intentionally set in a specific area to promote forest health by reducing fuels or clearing habitat for threatened and endangered species.

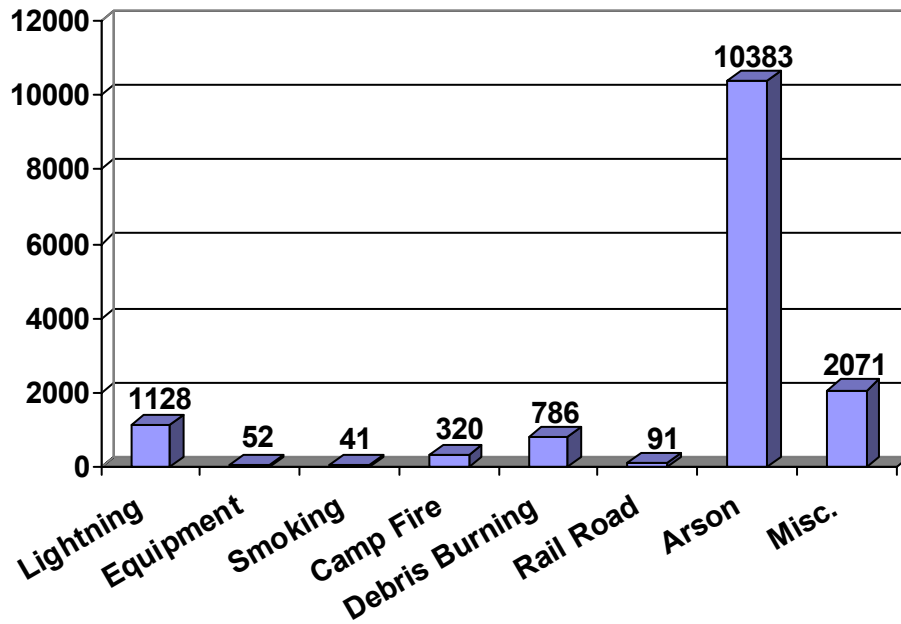


Note: The data for number of prescribed burn acres for FY 2001 were not available as of January 28, 2004

Causes of Wildfires on the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests (1999-2004)
Numbers equal total number of fires by type



Number of Acres Burned by Type (1999-2004)



Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest Health Issues

Traditionally forest health has meant tree death, reduced growth, or lowered resistance to other stressors caused by insects or disease. Recently it has been gradually broadened to include the effects from all causes such as air pollution, human land uses, weather events, competition and other factors.

Overall the Chattahoochee and Oconee National Forests are at risk not just from one specific organism but from a wide range of pests including native and non-native plants, insects and diseases. Non-native species are of greatest concern and can enter the forest through a variety of means from transmission via animals to being imported by people from other areas, such as Sudden Oak Death from California.

The significance of the effects of pests can be measured in a variety of ways including the land area affected, proportion of forest vegetation community affected, ecological values lost or cultural values lost (i.e. the association of hemlock trees with the Blue Ridge Mountains). Pests do not have to kill large numbers of trees over a wide area to be a serious threat.

Forest Health Concerns

1. Tree Decline	Oak Decline
2. Non-native Diseases	dogwood anthrachnose, beech bark disease, butternut canker, Dutch elm disease, chestnut blight
3. Native Insects	Southern Pine Beetle
4. Non-native Insects	Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, European and Asian Gypsy Moths, Asian Oak Weevil
4. Non-native Plants	55 plants are listed in the forest plan as potential threats including kudzu

Major Pests

1. European Gypsy Moth
2. Oak Decline
3. Southern Pine Beetle
4. Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

Threatened and Endangered Species in the National Forests in Georgia

Fifteen Federally listed Threatened and Endangered Species are known to exist on the Chattahoochee and Oconee National Forests.

Plants

Common Name	Species	Federal Status
Smooth Coneflower	<i>Echinacea laevigata</i>	Endangered
Rock Gnome Lichen	<i>Gymnoderma lineare</i>	Endangered
Swamp pink	<i>Helonias bullata</i>	Threatened
Small whorled pogonia	<i>Isotria medeoloides</i>	Threatened
Green pitcher plant	<i>Sarracenia oreophila</i>	Endangered
Large flowered skullcap	<i>Scutellaria montana</i>	Threatened
Persistent trillium	<i>Trillium persistens</i>	Endangered

Terrestrial Species

Common Name	Species	Federal Status
Red-cockaded woodpecker	<i>Picoides borealis</i>	Endangered
Woodstork (foraging only)	<i>Mycteria americana</i>	Endangered
Gray bat (foraging only)	<i>Myotis grisescens</i>	Endangered

Aquatic Species

Common Name	Species	Federal Status
Blue Shiner	<i>Cyprinella caerulea</i>	Threatened
Etowah darter	<i>Etheostoma etowahae</i>	Endangered
Conasauga logperch	<i>Percina jenkinsi</i>	Endangered

Molluscs

Common Name	Species	Federal Status
Fine-lined pocketbook	<i>Lampsilis atilis</i>	Threatened
Southern pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema georgianum</i>	Endangered

Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests Environmental Education Activities

Top 10 Programs for Fiscal Year 2004

1. Forestry
2. Wildlife
3. Smokey Bear
4. Conservation
5. Fish
6. Woodsy Owl
7. Water
8. Historical
9. Foxfire night hikes at Anna Ruby
10. Wilderness

Activity and Exhibit Attendance

Office	Attendance
Armuchee/Cohutta	7195
Brasstown	7707
Chattooga	5774
Tallulah	1989
Toccoa	2275
Oconee	134975
Supervisor's Office	9967
Total	169,882

Exhibits and Special Projects

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farm Fair Backyard Habitat Tour de Georgia Clean City Days Deer Festival Fishing Rodeos Buck-a-rama Fish-a-rama Duck-a-rama Georgia Envirothon Earth Day Parades (4) Fitness in the Forest Quail Unlimited Banquet Jakes Day Sorghum Festival Cool Mountain Festival | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ga. Outdoor News Banquet Gold Rush Bear Day- Brasstown Bald Indian Summer Festival Camp Best Friends Ga. Forestry Commission Mobile Classroom Essay and Art Contest (41 schools) Crimes Against the Environment Workshop National Wild Turkey Federation Convention Turkey-rama Honor's Day Champion Trees-Arbor Day Friends of Scull Shoals Dairy Festival Natural Resources and Energy Expo Rabun County Summer School |
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Law Enforcement on the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests

Fiscal Year	Warnings	Incidents	Violations	Total
2000	1012	1454	2026	4492
2001	930	1416	2186	4532
2002	591	476	2376	3443
2003	673	614	2192	3479
2004	693	667	1871	3231

Definitions

Warning- Action that results in a written warning being issued, does not carry a fine.

Incident- Reported action that occurs when officer is not present.

Violation- Action that results in the issuing of a ticket that results in a fine or court appearance.

Top 5 Violations

1. Failure to pay fee
2. Occupancy and Use (underage possession of alcohol or drugs, illegal vehicle use, parking, camping)
3. State Law (DUI, reckless driving, no driver license)
4. Sanitation and Litter
5. Hunting and Fishing