



**Fire Information
Chattahoochee National Forest
November 14, 2001 (4:00 PM)**



UPDATE: Campfire ban put in place for national forests in Georgia today.

At 5:00 p.m., Highway 60 opens between Stonepile Gap and Suches. Motorists are asked to be cautious while driving this stretch of highway and to watch for rolling debris.

Dry conditions in the forest combined with current weather conditions have created a situation of high fire danger in North Georgia. The U.S. Forest Service issued a campfire ban today for all areas on the Chattahoochee and Oconee National Forests. Campfires will be allowed only in developed campgrounds within designated receptacles or fire rings. This ban will be effective through January 1, 2002.

There are currently two wildfires burning on the Chattahoochee National Forest.

The Glass Mine Fire:

LOCATION: Eight miles north of Dahlonega along Highway 60

SIZE: 915 acres

CONTAINMENT: 80% **EST. CONTAINMENT:** 11/14/01 (6:00 pm)

INJURIES: 0

PERSONNEL COMMITTED TO FIRE: 253 people including 5 crews

The California Interagency Incident Management Team 2 from California arrived Monday to assume management of the fire. The team provides assistance to local forces that have been battling the fire since Saturday.

PARTNERS IN SUPPRESSION EFFORT: Georgia Forestry Commission, Union and Lumpkin County Volunteer Fire Depts, Georgia State Highway Patrol, Georgia DOT, Union and Lumpkin County Sheriff's Dept.

The Cooper Fire:

LOCATION: 11 miles Northwest of Dahlonega

SIZE: 30-40 acres

This fire was discovered today at approximately 8:30 a.m. Fire-fighting personnel successfully got a line around the wildfire by noon today. Crews are currently working to control the fire within the established perimeter.

For current information about the fire situation, visit the Forest Service website at www.fs.fed.us/conf/ or call the U.S. Forest Service Fire Information at (770) 297-3061.