



Fire Information Chattahoochee National Forest November 17, 2001 (10:00 PM)



Dry conditions persist throughout North Georgia and the potential for fire danger remain high. The Georgia Forestry Commission is not issuing permits for outdoor burning and the U.S. Forest Service has issued a campfire ban 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.

Hunters in the forest need to be aware of firefighters in the area, snags (dead trees) which can come crashing down without warning, and the high fire potential throughout the forest.

Dockery Lake Campground remains closed.

The Picklesimer Fire:

LOCATION: Approx. 10 miles east of Morganton

SIZE: Approximately 300 acres

CONTAINMENT: 100% This fire which began yesterday was quickly attacked by fixed wing air tankers, four helicopters and eighty firefighters. Three 20-person crews from the Interagency Task Force will be mopping up the fire today.

The Glass Mine Fire:

LOCATION: Eight miles north of Dahlonega along Highway 60

SIZE: 915 acres

CONTAINMENT: 100% Two crews working on rehabilitation and restoration of the area today.

The Cooper Fire:

LOCATION: 11 miles northwest of Dahlonega

SIZE: Approximately 100 acres.

CONTAINMENT: 100%.

The Blue Lake Fire:

LOCATION: Approx. 1 mile northeast of Picklesimer fire

SIZE: Approx. 35 acres

CONTAINMENT: 100% One crew assigned to mop up

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 (706) 864-6173 between 8:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.