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GEORGIA DOT RESUMES MOWING ACTIVITIES ON EIGHT HIGHWAYS IN CATOOSA, FLOYD, GORDON AND PICKENS COUNTIES

WHAT Georgia DOT's maintenance crews are set to work today on mowing the roadsides of State Route (SR) 3 and SR 151 in Catoosa County, SR 140 and SR 101 in Floyd County, SR 53 and SR 3 in Gordon County, and SR 53 and SR 515 in Pickens County. Work will proceed daily between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., weather permitting.

The Georgia DOT maintains more than 750,000 acres of highway right-of-way. That amounts to a lot of grass to mow, brush and weeds to control, and land to maintain. Some of this roadside land is located in the medians of divided highways and the interiors of interchanges. GDOT has developed a responsive roadside management program that benefits many. Some of the major benefits of this program include fewer accidents by GDOT mowers on dangerous slopes; reduced mowing saves money for tax payers and GDOT; pleasing roadside appearance; less erosion of roadsides; and restricts growth of unwanted vegetation. GDOT spends approximately \$44 million annually on mowing and litter pickup. It is done for safety, vegetation control, improved drainage, and aesthetic reasons

WHEN: Tuesday, September 2 through Friday, September 5, 2014 from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: SR 3 and SR 151 in Catoosa County, SR 140 and SR 101 in Floyd County, SR 53 and SR 3 in Gordon County, and SR 53 and SR 151 in Pickens County

Independent analysis consistently ranks Georgia's transportation system as being in the best condition of any in the United States, despite the fact that we lag near the bottom of all states in per capita investment in transportation infrastructure. But our highways and bridges are carrying more vehicles than ever; they are aging; and they are becoming more expensive to maintain. More than \$500 million is needed for basic bridge maintenance over the next decade and \$1.5 billion for routine road repairs over just the next five years. For information on the Department of Transportation, visit <http://www.dot.ga.gov>. You also may follow us on www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT-Northwest and [Twitter \(https://twitter.com/GDOTNW\)](https://twitter.com/GDOTNW).

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