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GEORGIA DOT BEGINS MOWING ACTIVITIES ON 19 HIGHWAYS IN NORTHWEST GEORGIA

WHAT Georgia DOT's maintenance crews are set to work this week on mowing the roadsides of State Route (SR) 100, SR 5 and SR 16 in Carroll County; SR 2 and SR 3/US 41 in Catoosa County; SR 48, SR 157 and SR 337 in Chattooga County; SR 136 in Dade County; SR 60 in Fannin County; SR 3, SR 53, SR 53 Spur and SR 156 in Gordon County; SR 100, SR 8 and SR 120 in Haralson County; SR 100 and SR 6 in Polk 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: Monday, September 21 through Thursday, September 23, 2015 from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

WHERE Carroll County: SR 5, SR 16 and SR 100
Catoosa County: SR 2 and SR 3
Chattooga County: SR 48, SR 337 and SR 157
Dade County: SR 136
Fannin County: SR 60
Gordon County: SR 3, SR 53, SR 53 Spur and SR 156
Haralson County: SR 100, SR 8 and SR 120
Polk County: SR 100 and SR 6

DriveAlert ArriveAlive calls attention to an alarming increase in roadway fatalities across Georgia, many resulting from preventable crashes and distracted driving. *DriveAlert ArriveAlive* implores motorists to buckle up; stay off the phone and no texting; and drive alert. Visit www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA. #ArriveAliveGA For more information about Georgia DOT, visit www.dot.ga.gov. You also may follow us on (www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT-Northwest) and *Twitter* (<https://twitter.com/GDOTNW>).

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