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GEORGIA DOT BEGINS MOWING ACTIVITIES ON 21 HIGHWAYS IN NORTHWEST GEORGIA

WHAT Georgia DOT's maintenance crews are set to work this week on mowing the roadsides of State Route (SR) 140 in Bartow County; SR 140, SR 20 and SR 372 in Cherokee County; SR 157 in Chattooga County; SR 293, SR 1/US 27 and SR 140 in Floyd County; SR 120, SR 100 and SR 8 in Haralson County; SR 2 and SR 61 in Murray County; SR 120, SR 101 and SR 113 in Paulding County; SR 100 and SR 6 in Polk County; and SR 136, SR 193 and SR 201 in Walker 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, May 19 through Friday, May 22, 2015 from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

WHERE Bartow County: SR 140
Cherokee County: SR 140, SR 20 and SR 372
Chattooga County: SR 157
Floyd County: SR 293, SR 1/US 27 and SR 140
Haralson County: SR 120, SR 100 and SR 8
Murray County : SR 2 and SR 61
Paulding County: SR 120, SR 101 and SR 113
Polk County: SR 100 and SR 6
Walker County: SR 136, SR 193 and SR 201

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. 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>).

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