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Dear Forest Service,

It is unfair to paddlers to ban boating on the Chattooga headwaters which is essentially what. Paddling the river is far less damaging to it than allowing a bunch of load drunk litterbugs such as anglers to despoil it. I hate walking in the area and finding trash left all over the place and beer cans and empty Styrofoam bait containers left there by fishermen. Boaters deserve access to the river more than such ungrateful louts do. It is unfair to paddlers to be denied use of the river when such terrible “stewards of the river” as anglers are allowed access. You must allow whitewater access on these public lands as long as you allow anglers in order to make sure that our tax dollars are used fairly. Paddling is a great recreation with minimal impacts on the river. Access is needed only at the put-in and take out unlike fishing where anglers trample vegetation and disturb habitat along the whole river. Alternative 4 does not allow adequate boater access and is in effect a ban. Open up the flow level restrictions to provide reasonable access for paddlers.

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