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8/12/08: Sirs: I have written comments to you before regarding the issue of opening up the upper portion of the river for boating. I was one of twenty members that worked with the US Forest Service Limits of Acceptable Change(Cohutta wilderness).I have been a volunteer Cohutta wilderness for nineteen years. One thing we learned was that most of the environmental damage is usually caused from that First initial use.

I was one of the first groups that canoed the Chattooga(entire length) in the mid 60's. There are plentiful rivers for boating and tributaries in this part of the Country. Note: it goes through a Wilderness Area!! It seems like we should keep some area tranquil where it would not interfere with Fishermen/hikers that use this area.

Thank you

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