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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Upper Chattooga Draft EA. My family and I have lived in the upstate since 1989. We have very much enjoyed the opportunity to hike and camp along the Chattooga River in its upper section (above the Hwy. 28 bridge and below Burrells Ford. It is noticeably different (an improvement) from the experience encountered on the lower sections of the river. The tranquility and solitude provided in that section is a unique experience in this part of the country. My preference is that the river corridor management stay as it has been (i.e., Alternative 3). However, I agree with the USFS and its choice of Alternative 4 as the preferred plan or the future. I appreciate that the area must be managed for multiple recreational uses while protecting the environment from degradation as much as possible -- and I belive Alternative 4 does just that. Thank you for allowing public input on this important regional issue.

Regards,

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