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Subject:	Opposition to boating on the upper Chattooga River
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Dear Sirs and Madams:

I am opposed to opening the upper Chattooga to a noisy and messy group of boaters. I am convinced that this proposal will destroy the solitude of the upper river, create trash on the river (including broken boats, lost paddles, ropes, food trash, etc.), and require the intervention of rescue crews when one or more of the boaters gets in trouble. The boaters routinely shout at each other over the sound of the whitewater to compare notes on passage of difficult spots, as well as to arrange "spotting" with their ropes. What a racket! It would also break up and break down the fragile banks of the river for the access, frequent portages and "spotting" needed by the boaters.

Please reject the proposal to open the upper Chattooga River to boating. Thank you.

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