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Dear FS,

We are fishermen and long time Trout Unlimited members. We have served on the local RTP, NC TU chapter Board of Directors, but do not pretend to speak for any members except ourselves. The GA chapter seems to think it speaks for all of us. They do not speak for all TU members.

We do not support the TU position on the Boating Ban on the Chattooga. It is neither fair nor reasonable. It sets a bad precedent. It puts the FS in a bad light.

The FS should ask the question: If the Chattooga is such an outstanding trout fishery deserving of such unique protection, why must it be regularly stocked with non-native species? Either the trout cannot survive or the local trout are being killed by fishermen. Real trout fishermen do not kill trout.

Banning one user group in favor of another is just plain un-American. A reasonable compromise must be worked out. The FS options are not a compromise.

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