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Jerome Thomas
Forest Supervisor

Dear Jerome Thomas:

US Forest Service,
I am submitting my strong position in favor of protecting the Upper Chattooga River from overuse by fishermen and hikers. It is widely known that these groups - especially fishermen - are responsible for the building of unauthorized trails and fire rings, trash caches in the riparian buffer, trampling and damage to riparian terrain, and fishing tackle litter in the river. It is critical for the long term health of the upper Chatooga that access for the purpose of fishing be severely curtailed and managed.

Sincerely,

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