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Subject:	Opposition to whitewater boating in the Upper Chattooga
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Mr. Thomas:

I am a native of Jackson County, North Carolina and have used the Upper Chattooga River my whole life. My interests in the river pertain to hiking, photography, and viewing wildflowers and other native plants. I use the Upper Chattooga River for these activities due to the solitude the area offers to me.

I am writing to express my opposition to allowing whitewater boating in the Upper Chattooga River. This portion of the river has been closed to boating since the inclusion of the river into the Wild and Scenic River System. This has allowed users such as myself that are seeking solitude to enjoy our activities without the disruption caused by whitewater boaters. In return, the boaters were allowed to boat the Middle and Lower Chattooga River. This "zoning" of users has effectively eliminated conflicts.

I am asking you to continue the concept of zoning conflicting user groups by choosing Alternative 3 in the draft EA. However I am willing to grudgingly accept the Preferred Alternative 4 if the Forest Service will commit to enforcing the restrictions it includes.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

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