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RE: Chattooga River Project Comments

Dear Sumter National Forest,

Dear Sirs,

I currently live in Greenville, SC and have enjoyed the Wild and Scenic corridor of the Chattoga River for over 20 years. I have gone there to backpack, fish and enjoy whitewater kayaking on the weekends. When family and friends come from out of state we typically take the time to go to this area and explore the beauty and wonder of the river and woods.

I'm writing today to submit my comments regarding the Environmental Assessment regarding the recreational management of the Chattooga River. I disagree with your analysis and your proposal.

It is not my goal to have any type of water craft on the river such as motorized vehicles. My goal is to preserve the area and to leave it as a wilderness setting. But to supress one group from the use of the river while leaving another group with cart blanch access is wrong. All men should be treated equally and as a whitewater kayaker all I'm asking is to be able to enjoy the river just as fishermen enjoy it today, just as backpackers enjoy the area today and just as horseback riders enjoy the area today.

I was part of the User Capacity analysis that took place in January 2007 and from personal experience this area is truly magnificent and should be open to all whitewater boaters.

I won't go into lengthy detail about all that I disagree with regarding the Environmental Assessment, but the proposal is obviously written by individuals who are not interested in a collaborative approach to allow both groups to enjoy the Wild and Scenic area that both groups pay for through tax dollars. I am open to a restriction on water levels (but not as

they are outlined in the EA) and I am open to a restriction on the type of water craft allowed on the river (non-motorized). But I can not support a proposal that restricts time periods due to the seasonality of fishing.

Paddling should be allowed in a similar manner to your alternative number 8, except on the entire Upper Chattooga River and its tributaries.

Thank you for considering these comments,

Sincerely,

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