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Hello,

I am more of an angler than a boater, but I have been getting tons of e-mails to try and keep boaters off the Upper Chattooga. If it was the other way around I would think each individual should be allowed to use the river whether it was wade fishing, bank fishing, kayak fishing or just enjoying the scenery that can only be seen from a boat on the Upper Chattooga. I think Alternative 8 would best serve the public and at the very least Alternative 4.

The FS has done a policing job that is as the guidelines have been, but in all fairness to the public and tax payers I feel it has been a huge injustice to ban personal flotation devices for enjoyment of the Upper Chattooga. If I had a gold mine I would try and keep it to myself too, but as an angler I don't think it has been environmentally necessary or fair to have banned boater all these years. Myself and the fishes can tolerate boaters as I hope when I am boating I respect and tolerate fishers.

I ask that you approve ALTERNATIVE #8. I long for the day I can view the beautiful cliffs and scenery

from my kayak again. There was never any sound or logical reason to ban boats in the first place and this travesty of injustice has gone on long enough. The FS should get back to protecting and nurturing forests instead of keeping taxpayers off river property. I do mean this in a very respectful manner.
Regards,
Jerry C Woods