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I am writing to oppose the U.S. Forest Service proposal to open part of the Upper Chattooga River to boating -- “Alternative 4” in the agency's pre-decisional Environmental Assessment.

This headwater portion of the river is very fragile and runs through the Ellicott Rock Wilderness. Boaters currently have legal access to over half of the Chattooga River plus many tributaries. I feel the upper pristine stretch of this river should have limited boating access and be more specifically preserved for fish and wildlife and for people seeking quiet and solitude for hiking, camping and for fishing.

I recognize and appreciate the many hours of commitment the Forest Service has dedicated in developing a balanced outcome for the Upper Chattooga issue and would more strongly support Alternative 3.

Thank you.

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