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I have used the upper part of the Chattooga river to camp and fish for more than 20 years. I do not favor allowing boating. Between Burrells Ford and Hwy 28 there is simply too much rough water. The fishing will be significantly disrupted because the river is so narrow. I am not familar, on a first hand basis, with the river above Burrells Ford, been up to Ellicot Rock twice.

One of the real charms of the river (Sims Ford Area) is the lack of restrictions. For the most part, the difficulty in access has kept the area fairly under utilized. There are no trashy problems. We primarily use the river in Spring and Fall. My preference is to not try to micro manage this resource.

Respectfully,

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