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Thank you for the time and effort that has been put into the decision regarding boating on the upper section of the Chattooga River. As a regular visitor to this Wild and Scenic river, I would prefer that the boating ban remain in place, but I also understand that some form of compromise is bound to be forthcoming. So, I would like to offer my support of option 4. I sincerely hope that the regulations that would be put in place can be enforced and that any fine would be stiff enough to be a true deterrent to illegal boating.

I sincerely hate to see a system that has worked for 30 years set aside...mainly for the precedent that will be set. A precedent that will now make other pristine rivers (i.e. Yellowstone) vulnerable and will open the doors for other interest groups to insist on access (i.e. ATVs, mountain bikers, horseback riders). Once the trickle starts, the floodgates will open, and the few precious wild areas we have remaining will be gone.

Thank you,
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