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regional, and global community.

Dear Sir or Madam,
I disagree with the proposal to limit or ban boating on Upper Chattooga while still allowing other users unlimited access. There is no sensible justification for this exclusionary plan. I am a long time kayaker. I also fish and hike. You could never convince me that kayaking is a harmful or intrusive activity. Any sort of user conflict between groups is very rare in my experience. We are generally on the water at different times, as our pursuits are more amenable to different water flows. Kayakers are advocates for healthy and clean rivers, why exclude us?
I believe a decision here could have implications for river management across the country. So, for all these reasons, I am concerned about what rules will be enforced. Please do not unfairly single out a dedicated and responsible user group for no good reason. Do not ban boaters!
Specifically, regarding the Chattooga River Project, paddlers prefer an alternative similar to Alternative 8. And lastly, something I feel very strongly about, **the public should have the right to float on public Wild
and Scenic Rivers regardless of who owns the land along the river**.

Thank you for your consideration,

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