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RE: Chattooga River Project Comments
U.S. Forest Service
Chattooga River Project
4931 Broad River Road
Columbia, SC 29212.

Dear Sumter National Forest,
As paddlers and people who is a fly fisherman that often travels to other sections of the USA and Canada we want to make our views known. Upon reviewing of the recreational management EA for the Chattooga River we find your proposal full of disinformation, misleading assumptions, discriminatory in content and plainly offensive as a USFS user. Treating one class of low impact outdoor enthusiast different from another is reprehensible. Please consider the following concerns we have regarding this issue:

- The USFS has spent thirteen years funding research to limit paddling on the Chattooga without finding any is a blatant waste of my tax dollars.
- Boating bans are not justified or acceptable on the upper Chattooga Cliffs reach and on tributaries, period.
- Separate and unequal access alternatives are not acceptable in terms or reaches or allowable days.
- The EA offers no basis for the boating only bans while not addressing hiking / fishing access limitations and limits.
- As a waterway user I should have same rights of access on public Wild and Scenic Rivers as others regardless of who owns the land along the river.
- If the EA is a user capacity analysis, and it is not, where is the reference to fishing and its related impact verses paddling?
- Paddling should be allowed on the *entire* Upper Chattooga River and its tributaries.
- We, my son and I, should be allowed to paddle and fish throughout

the Chattooga river.

Thank you for considering these comments,

Sincerely

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PS: I emailed my my state's US Senators and Representatives - note I will be talking to them personally over hte next couple weeks when I visit DC.