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My first choice would have been alternative 3 with no boating above the Hwy 28 bridge as the preferred alternative for the upper Chattooga. However, I consider the Forest Service preferred Alternative 4 to be an acceptable choice in keeping important fishing areas boat free, reducing congestion and impacts, and minimizing conflict between anglers and boaters. I believe that zoning of conflicting activities is probably the best and most effective method for managing river users.

In a time when an influx of boating traffic has been crowding rivers everwhere, especially in wild and scenic rivers, there is a desperate need for areas and sections of rivers that are free of watercraft of all sorts and limited only to foot travel. Only a very small number of those rivers are coldwater trout streams as perfect for the wading fly fisherman as the Upper Chattooga is.

Thanks to the Forest Service for all its work in finding an acceptable alternative for the upper Chattooga River.

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