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Chattooga River Project

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RE: Chattooga River Project Comments

Dear Sumter National Forest,

My name is William (Bill) Alexander, I live on 44 Skyland Cir. Asheville NC, I am an executive recruiter, I love kayaking in pristine, beautiful places and have never been able to on the Upper Chattooga.

I have studied the Environmental Assessment regarding the recreational management of the Chattooga River. I sorry to say buy I respectfully disagree with you. Both your analysis and your proposal treat me and my community of river enthusiasts unfairly and your proposal would not meet my interests. Please consider the following concerns I have regarding this

issue:

I want to explore this beautiful area and share it with all other recreational users that have minimum impacts. I am happy and proud to give up a considerable amount of my income to help our various federal and state agencies do their work to the best of their abilities. I would like to see these dollars put to use in a fair manner to all recreational users. I am a kayaker that would like to enjoy and expore this Upper Chattooga watershed in my low impact craft. The stretch will not run very often and when it does it will not be anywhere close to prime conditions for fisherman or other hikers (not that we would get in each others way regardless).

This is a special place that I am going to explore regardless. If I am unable to boat it I will probably just hike the stretch with some buddies although I know this will

Thank you for considering these comments. Please consider conducting a real user capacity analysis and immediately allowing boating in the same numbers, places, and seasons that you allow existing users. Paddling should be allowed in a similar manner to your alternative number 8, except on the *entire* Upper Chattooga River and its tributaries.

Thank you for considering these comments,

Sincerely

[INSERT name and address]