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Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I am writing because I want to keep seven miles of the Upper Chattooga River Wild & Scenic. There are very few places left in the United States as untouched as this portion of the Chattooga. Opening it to boating would encourage the commercial boating interests to push for more access. Unless there were severe restrictions placed on access, such as the reservation system for hiking the Appalachian Trail in the Great Smokies, there would be a danger of overuse right from the start.

I urge the Forest Service to adopt Alternatives 2 or 3 to continue to allow foot traffic only on this part of the river - just as the Forest Service has for the last 30 years.

I oppose Alternatives 4 and 8, which would open the Upper Chattooga to various levels of boating. The only level I would find acceptable would be one in which the boaters have to walk in with their canoe.

Sincerely,

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