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Dear US Forestry Service,

The Chatooga headwaters is an excellent resource. I am upset that the Forestry Service officials chose recreational management proposal alternative #4. This is a proposal that excludes one group of recreational users, (boaters), while allowing another, (trout fishermen), unrestricted access. This is unfair. As a hiker, I see far greater impact to the Chatooga headwaters from recreational anglers who trash the place and leave fishing line in the stream as well as lots of other trash on the banks. If you can limit boater access due to projected conflicts with boaters, then you should limit angler access to prevent anglers from destroying the enjoyment to other groups of recreational users. Will you be limiting angler access on boatable days to prevent conflict between the 2 groups? If this is a truly prime trout hatchery that must be protected, then I find it hypocritical to allow anglers unrestricted access since they have a far greater impact on trout viability than any other recreational user group.

Please reconsider you management plan to make it fair to all recreational user groups and don't exclude one group to the exclusive benefit of another. That is the type of fair management plan we expect out of our US government officials.

Sincerely,
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