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While compromise is almost always the best means for resolving an issue, it simply is not in this case. Any "equality" or "fairness" that is pushed on this stretch of the Chattooga in the way of allowing boaters to boat will result in anything but "equality" or "fairness" for many of the other user groups that enjoy the area for its unique qualities; qualities that exist because of the glaring absence of people using anything other than their two feet to explore this wonderful place.

Simply put, when a boater floats down a stretch of river, he or she affects every other person and creature that they pass. Conversely, an angler or bird-watcher or photographer or hiker can avoid others who are trying to enjoy the solitude this area so uniquely provides. So when many of the users who drive for hours (almost a four hour drive each way for me and I make it about six times a year) to reach this special place arrive only to have their solitude interuppted by boaters floating down an uninteruppted river, we will all suffer.

If boating is allowed on any portion of the upper 21 miles of the Chattooga River, how will that be "fair" to anyone except the boaters? The rest of us will watch as the prized Chattooga transforms from a wonderfully primitive area to "just another river." Please make the right call on this and leave what is right alone.

Thank you very much for your time.

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