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CHATTOOGA PLANNING TEAM,

AS PRESIDENT OF OCONEE PRESERVATION UNLIMITED STEWARDSHIP TRUST I AM SPEAKING AGAINST ALLOWING BOATING ON THE SECTION OUTLINED IN YOUR PROPOSAL. THE AREA IN QUESTION HAS BEEN PRESERVED FROM THE EXTRA TRAFFIC BROUGHT ON BY BOATERS FROM THE TIME OF ITS SCENIC DESIGNATION. I TRULY SEE NO REASON TO ALTER ITS USE OPTIONS. WITH THIS NEW PLAN, HOW WILL ENFORCEMENT BE APPROPRIATED. HOW CAN WE GUARANTEE THAT THE LEAST ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT POSSIBLE WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN IT IS OBVIOUS THAT WE CAN NOT TRULY CONTROL THE ACTIONS OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO USE THIS SECTION NOW, AS EVIDENCED BY THE NEED TO CLOSE OR RESTRUCTURE "USER CREATED CAMPSITES AND TRAILS." WHAT FURTHER DAMAGE TO THIS AREA WILL BE CAUSED BY INCREASED TRAFFIC BY BOATING USE? A THREE MONTH WINDOW WITH NORMAL LOW WATER LEVELS WILL NOT BE VERY USEFUL FOR THE BOATERS AGENDA. HOW MUCH USE WILL THESE PEOPLE ACTUALLY REALIZE IN PROPORTION TO THE IMPACT IT WILL CREATE. I REALIZE THAT THE BOATING COMMUNITY HAS BEEN TRADITIONALLY A GOOD STEWARD OF THE RIVER. MY QUESTION IS WHY DOES EVERY LAST SPOT UNTOUCHED BY BOATING TRAFFIC HAVE TO BE CONQUERED. LET THE RIVER REST FROM AT LEAST ONE OPTION THAT WILL ONLY INCREASE PRESSURE ON THE FLOW OF LIFE.
EDDIE MARTIN