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Hello,

I have fished a great deal of trout waters in the South East, but the Chattooga hold something that many rivers don't. SECLUSION, and the ability to provide a great fishing GET-AWAY! There have been days on the river I have not seen an other person or campsite (or fish...). Other rivers that are more open don't allow one to feel separated from the stresses of the everyday and experience the great outdoors like a famous explorer! I fear that these "boaters" will take for granted what has been given to them and slowly they will not obey the regulations and they will begin to expand their use of the river further than what is allowed and use outside their season and water flow levels. In addition this will create more traffic to the area, which I have found receives a great deal of use and abuse, and will consequently deteriorate the amenities and natural beauty found in this lush forest preserve. On a final note paddlers have plenty of great water to float/paddle all over the south east but we "fishers" have only so much water at certain times of the year that we can fish.

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