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In response to an article I read in the local newspaper, I see there is high consideration being given to allow boating on the upper Chattooga River.

I would just like to say I see no reason to fix something that isn't broken. I buy a Sportsman's license every year so I can fish and hunt the areas of this state where I was born and raised, and protect it by doing so. When I read comments being given in by pro floaters, I happened to notice that it seemed most of them were from people from outside this state. Would they take care of the region surrounding the river? I doubt it! I fish the Upper Chattooga from fall to spring. To me it would be devastating to the fishing experience that myself and so many others enjoy to have boaters interrupt that moment of joy when you finally coax that big trout into almost biting just to have it spooked by a passing boat. L

Again I say don't try to fix something that isn't broken. Boaters are allowed in most every place in the state. Why do they want this one so badly?

If something like this does pass I just hope it's going to be a one or two month trial, where officials can really observe the problems that will arise. Then everyone will see just how bad an idea this truly will be.

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