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Subject:	Chatooga River Project Comments
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Dear Sumpter Nationa Forest,
My name is Joseph Berry. I live and work in Greensboro NC. I have been paddling the Chattooga River for over 35 years.

After reviewing the Environment Assessment regarding recreational management of the Chattooga river, I disagree with your analysis and your proposal. The ban should be lifted completely and immediately.

Boater impact will be less than the other users. We are respectful of the environment. We will put money into the local economy just like the trout fishermen already do. You will not really even notice us on the river. We will be stewards of your home.

Paddlers prefer an alternative similar to Alternative 8 that allows paddlers full access below Grimshawes Bridge. Paddlers should have the right to float on public Wild and Scenic Rivers regardless of who own the land along the river.

Please consider conducting a real user analysis and immediately allowing boating in the same numbers, places and seasons you allow existing users. Paddling should be allowed in a similar manner to your alternative number 8, except on the entire Upper Chattooga RIver and its tributaries..

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely.
Joseph M. Berry