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I am a boater, fisherman and hiker. I have enjoyed the chattooga area for 20+ yrs. I have reviewed the recently released EA. Again, one user group -- boaters -- have been severely restricted while other groups have not. The stipulations about when and where boating can occur in the headwaters make boating there essentially impossible -- functionally upholding the illegal ban.

All of this disagreement and consternation between user groups is fabricated out of nothing but fear of future conflicts and ecological impact. You need only look at Overflow creek to see what opening the headwaters to boaters while be like. It has been boated for at least 25yrs. There are no conflicts. There is no measureable ecological impact from boaters. The proof that it will work is in your backyard, in the same river corridor. The Overflow experience is your user impact study (that you still have not done). Do the right thing and open the headwaters to ALL three user groups.

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