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Subject:	Fw: Comments on the Chattooga River EA
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Chattooga Comments.

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Please advise, so I may respond to Rosanne...Thanks!

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Rosanne Rowe/WO/USDAFS

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To Ken S Arney/R8/USDAFS@FSNOTES

cc Chris N Brown/WO/USDAFS@FSNOTES

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Ken I am going to forward these Chattooga emails that are coming into the Chief's inbox to you for now. If there is someone else in Region that you would prefer I sent them to ... just let me know.
Thank you.

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Subject Comments on the Chattooga River EA

07/11/2008 12:15 PM

Dear Chief Kimbell,

I wanted you to know I sent the below letter in response to the so called Environmental Assessment of the Chattooga River Headwaters. Isn't it PAST time to reign in the "good ole boy network" in SC? They have snubbed their noses at everyone who has told them what should and will be done concerning this issue ... including YOUR very own directives. Please put a stop to this problem and let boaters have fair and equal access to this beautiful area. Also, please put a stop to the introduction of non native species. Leave the area in it's wild and native state.

Thanks you for your time.

Sincerely,

Larry Stewart
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<letter to Sumter National Forest>

U.S. Forest Service
Chattooga River Project
4931 Broad River Road
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July 10, 2008
Dear Sumter National Forest,
My name is LARRY STEWART. I live in Knoxville, TN where I work as an industrial maintenance technician. I am 41 years old and have been a fisherman all of my life and a whitewater paddler for 20 years. Some of my most fond memories are fishing with my dad and paddling with my wife and friends. I do not feel that either activity should discriminate against the other and BOTH should equally be available on ALL of the Chattooga River and it's tributaries.
I have reviewed the Environmental Assessment regarding the recreational management of the Chattooga River. I disagree with the analysis and the proposal. Both items treat me and my community of river enthusiasts unfairly and the proposal would not meet my interests.

In their boating prohibition, The Forest Service; without explanation, without fact, without logic, without reason, without science, and without legal merit, has chosen to:

1. disregard Supreme Court rulings
2. ignore the Public Trust Doctrine
3. circumvent federal law
4. fail to recognize state statutes
5. overlook their own federal-issued USFS Manual & USFS Handbook, these being the policies and procedures for all Forest Service activities
6. failed to heed a directive from a superior compliance officer of the DC Office of The Forest Service that the Chattooga boating ban has "always been unjustified"

I will only support an immediate and total lifting of all bans and restrictions on paddling on the upper reaches of the Chattooga. That is the only civil, legal, and sensible outcome to resolve this untenable situation.

I am OPPOSED to the illegal boating ban on the Chattooga Headwaters! There is NO justification for discriminating against boaters. NONE! Boating is the least impact of all activities included in the Wild and Scenic designation. Hiking leaves long trails, Fishing takes fish from the rivers ... and leaves trails, tackle, and injured fish.

GIVE UP THIS FIGHT NOW! You know it's neither morally nor legally justified. We just want equal rights to enjoy the river and will not stop until we get it.
Your very own 1971 report puts boating at the FRONT of the list for compatible uses:
http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms/documents/1971WSSRChapter10part1.pdf page 85

"Compatible uses on the Chattooga River are FLOATING, ... hiking, ... hunting, fishing, and primitive camping"

Sincerely,

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