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If the Alternative really becomes necessary to implement I assume that we could live with it. However, this had better not be a "first step" to a change later on; that we probably could not live with. Actually there should be absolutely no boat traffic on the upper Chattooga River at any time of year.

I have over 63 years of fishing the river and I see no reason for this upper section to be turned into a boat yard! The boaters have from the 28 Bridge South and I see no reason for them to encroach into an area that should be utilized only by fishermen. They are a nuisance on the the part they have anyway.

I was discussing the problem with one of a Boating Organizations head man and this was his comment. He stated that he had boated the upper Chattooga from Burrells Ford to the 28 bridge on numerous occasions and that other entities had done the same and will continue to do the same. His further comment was that he did not care if the Forest Service decided to close the River to boaters that he had no intention of staying off the River. That he would continue to float it at any time he desired.

These are the type people you are dealing with. They do not care what you think but will do what they want anyway!

Get ready to patrol the River with helicopters because the infractions will be many. They are not content to stay off the River until December-March.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert L. Alexander