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Dear Forest Service:

Respectfully, Alternative 4 is not a fair, viable, or sounds option. My Federal Tax dollars are for responsible use of Federal Land. I would never kayak this section due to its difficulty, but in all honesty, I have seen hikers and fishermen abuse and misuse Federal land more than kayakers. I have had fishing line wrapped around my neck on rivers and seen hikers leave trash everywhere. I have never know 1 single kayaking in my 20 plus years of outdoor recreation abuse Federal land or make a negative impact on fish, wildlife, or botanical species.

I think you should opt for a more fair alternative, such as allowing all boating for flows above 250 cfs unlimited. There are really not that many days the Upper Chattooga is actually runable and there are not that many kayakers that will boat this run at that difficulty. The kayaking community has done nothing but open up access to land for others.

I defeinitely protest restriction on kayaking on this land.

Thank you for listening,

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"If little else, the brain is an educational toy." - Tom Robbins