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Subject:	Closure of the Chatooga river to kayakers
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Dear Sir/Ms.:

I am a 51 year old neurologist in private practice near Knoxville, TN, and I am also an avid whitewater kayaker. I have found that kayakers are environmentally conscientious and generally polite to persons they encounter during their forays into the wilderness, such as fishermen and campers.

Therefore, I see no reason why the Chatooga should be closed to whitewater kayakers. I have been on the Chatooga myself, as a rafter (kayaking there is beyond my abilities), and I find it a delightful river. I hope you will reconsider the closure of this scenic area to those who have no desire to damage the area or disturb wildlife or persons encountered there.

Respectfully,

J.A. Jacques, D.O.