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RE: Chattooga River Project Comments

Dear Sumter National Forest,

My name is Luke Bartlett. I work as the Outdoor Recreation Coordinator at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, KY. I am writing to request that the ban on the upper sections of the Chattooga River be lifted permanently. The discrimination against boaters who wish to paddle the closed sections is unfair and arbitrary. Boaters and Fisherpeople can enjoy the river together. Please think of all the user groups before making decisions that discriminate against all user groups. Thank you and have a good day.

Thank you for considering these comments. Please consider conducting a real user capacity analysis and immediately allowing boating in the same numbers, places, and seasons that you allow existing users. Paddling should be allowed in a similar manner to your alternative number 8, except on the *entire* Upper Chattooga River and its tributaries.

Thank you for considering these comments,

Sincerely

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