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To Whom It May Concern,

I am disappointed in your arbitrary and unreasonable Environmental Assessment regarding boating on the Chattooga. Kayakers simply have a far more minimal impact on the environment that fishermen and stocked trout. You would be hard pressed to find a group of people who respect the environment more than people who kayak small streams. Plus, they leave footprints only on the trail to the put in and the trail from the takeout. Fishermen work up and down the banks, trampling far more area. Plus, I am pretty sure that non-native species have not exactly been good for the native flora and fauna.

Your decision appears to be nothing more than an attempt to justify continuing to keep the Upper Chattooga and its tributaries an exclusive playground for fishermen. Did you decide on a conclusion, then conduct a study to justify the conclusion? It sure seems like it.

Please reconduct your assessment in a more logical and fair manner.

Thanks,

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