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Jerome Thomas
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Dear Jerome Thomas:

US Forest Service,

I am writing in regards to your proposed management plan for the Chattooga River. I am in favor of protecting the Upper Chattooga River from overuse by boats and continuing the current tradition of exclusive low impact recreational uses, such as fishing, hunting, and hiking.

Considering the amount of river available to boating on the lower Chattooga, I urge the Forest Sevice to select the "No Change" alternative to continue the current prohibition against floating vessels on the Upper Chattooga. This alternative fairly balances recreational uses on the entire river and protects the sensitive upper stretch from disturbance by vessels.

Thank you for consideration of my position.

Sincerely,

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