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The following comments about saving the Upper Chattooga River were submitted via the Georgia Outdoor Network website at www.georgiaoutdoornetwork.org

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Comments:
I am 42 years old, and have rafted the Chattooga River many times in my life. I have also hiked the Chattooga River Trail, and find this area to be a beautiful hidden sanctuary. I certainly support the existing rafting operations and desire that they maintain their current accessibility to the River, but do not see why the zoning should be modified to allow boating access further north than the current limitations on the Chattooga River. Commercial rafting operations have ample room based upon my experiences, and not modifying the current zoning will leave the upper portions of the River for primarily hikers / fishermen access. I love our outdoors, but believe there are areas that need to be preserved for limited access, minimizing the impact that increased commercial access will have. We need sanctuaries like this. It is good for people, and good for the environment. Please do not modify the zoning.