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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:
The upper Chattooga River is a pristine river and, due to its size, a very vulnerable river. The current recreational activities are probably going to test the ecology of the system in the not-too-distant future. The addition of whitewater sports and all the baggage and access they require will certainly destroy much of the river as we know it today. I question the decision of the Forest Service to even offer up the winter months. We clearly cannot allow a special interest group to clutter the river with noise, human waste and the other issues that overexposure bring to many of the rivers already affected.