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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 would like to voice my support for continuing the ban on kayaking, rafting, and other non-foot access on the Upper Chattooga River. As a user of the Upper Chattooga River, it concerns me that the Forest Service would allow such a large influx of users into such a pristine area. This area cannot support that many users without a negative impact on flora, fauna, and the atmosphere that this area provides. The nature of the use also concerns me; individual boaters are usually fairly clean, but with the allowance of boating comes boating companies, and clients/users who are paying to be in the outdoors, who have little respect, and little concern for such a special area. Without being scientific, boating will destroy an area that is just a little slice of white water in this world. Boaters can go many places to have fun, but people who enjoy solitude and relatively unspoiled wilderness are increasingly left with no place to go. Please, be good stewards of our state's and count!
 ries resources and keep the boating ban in place.