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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 river should be open to everyone. It is a national forest. I have brought my boy scouts up to Clayton, GA to camp Rainey Mountain, and we have paddled the river many times. My personal opinion is that the kayakers and scouts are much better at taking care of the enviroment and protecting our national forest, than many of the locals we have seen camping and fishing up there.
Since the river is only high enough to paddle during or immediately after a rain, which usually occures in the winter months, the fisherman are not going to be there under those weather conditions. The many times I have paddled the river, I have only seen a couple of fisherman, and they were seldom fishing in the main current of he river where the kayakers want to be. My boy scouts have enjoyed coming up there and always look forward to spending time in the area