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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 concerned with the proposed usage plan to open the Chattooga River to White Water boating. While the river is set in the mountains and should be enjoyed by all, too much traffic will compromise the natural setting. We all know what happens to an area when too much traffic is allowed in areas. Litter, both in the water and on banks of the river. Just look at most if not all of the existing lakes and rivers that have abundant traffic. Not to mention when the water levels are too low to raft, tube or boat, folks will look at the US Forest Service to correct the problem nature throws at them. Also, with the state and federal budget cuts coming, how many agents, if any, will there be to police the area. Maybe several at first, then little or no presence of law enforncement at all.

Thanks, Alan Sherrill