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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 want to make my opinion known regarding the proposed opening of the upper Chattahoochee River in North Georgia to whitewater boaters. I am completely opposed to this proposal in any form. This is a pristine river area that needs to be preserved for it's current use by fishermen, hikers and campers on foot only. Opening up this section of the river to whitewater boaters will, in my opinion, seriously degrade the fishery, not to mention the wild beauty of this wonderful river corridor. Even opening it on a limited basis, during certain parts of the year will have a negative impact on this area and I am totally opposed to that as well.

Please, let us preserve this area and it's beauty and continue to limit the use of the upper Chattahoochee River corridor to foot traffic only. It is in the best interest of the area, the fishery, the wildlife, and the people who love and utilize this area.