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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 prefered Alternate 4 is flawed. It is nothing more than a defacto boating ban. You have ignored your own consultants and studies. Boating should be allowed on all sections of the Chattooga year round. If you permit boaters, all other users should be permitted as well. This is only fair. Hunters, hukers, anglers & all other users of the Chattooga above HWY 28 have been allowed to trash & abuse this resource unaregulated for 30 years. Your own study has documented this existing user damage. You are doing nothing to correct or regulate these existing legal users. You are singling out boaters when they have not been on the river in 30 years. The stocking of non native fish has turned this formerly unspoiled area into a trash pit & a playground for uncaring users. Please do something to protect this area & save it for future generations. The EA & prefered alternative is nothing more than a political document unfounded in science.

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