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I appreciate the opportunity to voice my opinion on the Upper Chattooga Environmental Assessment. The Upper Chattooga is a unique biological and cultural resource that will be changed forever by the human impacts associated with boating and would be best protected by no change in the current management. I support Alternative 1.

There are plenty of opportunities to boat on other rivers...Natahala, lower Chattooga, Cartecay, Toccoa, Ocoee, Chattahoochee(at the top in Helen and at the bottom below the Dam) and numerous others. There is no good reason to open the upper Chattooga to rafting, let's leave it wild and scenic.

Thank you!

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