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Subject: Chattooga Boating
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This comment pertains to the proposal to open the upper Chattooga River to boating activity. The original agreement to permit boating on the Chattooga was specifically designed to prohibit such activity in this zone while still providing some 36 miles of space on the River and related tributaries. This provides a stretch of the River where many other activties, like swimming, camping, hunting, and seeking solitude in a natural area, which the boating will impact. In addition, it is more than likely that there will be a detrimental environmental effect from debris removal and destruction of sensitive native plant species.

As there is already ample challenging white water available for boating, I am asking that the Forest Service reject Alternative 4 which will open the Upper Chattooga to boating. Please move toward the implimentation of either Alternatives 2 or 3 which will serve to maintain this area in its current state.

Yours truly,

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