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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 moderate changes. I support Alternative 4.

I am both a kayaker and a fisherman. I paddled those upper sections many years ago with two friends and did have a nasty encounter with a trout fisherman. We went by where he was fishing as far away from him as possible and making no noise and were berated and actually had a fly thrown at us in an attempt to cause injury.

I believe serious kayakers (not tubes and rafts)should be given access to these incredible white water rapids in some limited and perhaps even controlled manner. Flow restricions would be a must.

I take offense witht he statement by the anglers that this is "their" river. This beautiful river belongs to all and should be allowed to be enjoyed by all.

Thank you!

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