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Dear Sumter National Forest,

My name is Nick Wigston. I grew up kayaking on the Chattooga river, which is still my favorite. I also understand why it needs to be protected. I currently live in Colorado, and we have many rivers out here that also need protection. I've read many things about the upper Chattooga issue, and I am frankly in awe at some of the reasons used to ban kayaking on this section. From my 20 years of kayaking, I have known kayakers to be stewards of the river at the very least. We leave the river exactly how it was when we arrived. Paddlers are also one of the only river user groups that I have seen actively organize river clean-up events and other things to protect our rivers. I think the Forest Service should set an example that rivers are to be shared amongst those that care about them. Please read the attached letter.

Thanks,

Nick Wigston