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The last decision made by the USFS regarding the Chatooga continues to baffle. The original decision cited paddling as the best way to view the scenery, with minimal environmental impact. Your decisions continue to defy the original purpose. I even understand you hired a consultant, and when you didn't like his recommendations, you fired him. And your boss in DC ruled your decision in contradiction to the stated W&SR proposal. Yet you continue to take the same stance?

It really smells like a story that needs to be investigated. Although I am not involved, I am sure you will have another lawsuit, since the one that was withdrawn was probably because you seemed to be taking a fair and neutral approach to the matter.

Is this really back room politics at its lowest? I can tell you it does not look above-board or legal.

For reference, I don't personally plan on ever paddling this section of river, although I may hike and fish it.

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