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My name is Russ Tyre. I have been hiking and flyfishing the Chattooga river since 1955, primarily from the Highway 28 bridge to Ellicott's rock. I moved from the Atlanta area in 1998 to St. Petersburg, Florida, but still continue the trek to the Chattooga five or six times each year.

Regarding my comments on the Environmental Assessment, I would like to thank each and every one of you who "went over the top" to reach all the parties involved, lay all the facts on the table and give all concerned users
of this wonderful resource a chance to input their feelings and opinions as a
way to look at all possible altenatives. You have done the due diligence and it is much appreciated.

I prefer Alternative 4 as it represents a viable compromise for **all** users. Each of us gives a little so that **all** can enjoy. Adoption of this alternative should secure for all users that quality of wildness and remoteness for which the Chattooga is so well known. Alternative 4 should preserve the physical and biological elements of this ecosystem.

One of my concerns since this issue came forward, was the opportunity of
potential conflict between fishermen and boaters. Alternative 4, in my opinion,
best resolves this issue with it's zoning and stream flow proposals, which for
the most part, should make encounters few and far between.

My last comment on Alternative 4 pertains to restricted parking and campsite

closure. I feel this would be a positive step in reducing sedimentation and erosion.

Thanks and a pat on the back for your efforts to reach an acceptable compromise.

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