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Mr. Jerome Thomas-

The Environmental Assessment for the Upper Chatooga watershed is completely contrary to basic modern management strategies for National Forests. Recreational interests have the potential to provide a far more sustainable means to maintain National Forests than traditional Forestry management. To do so, the Forest Service will need to provide equal access to all recreational enthusiasts.

There is no reason to limit the use of the Upper Chatooga watershed to particular groups of recreationalists. It is beneficial to a fishery to have seasonally high flows above those proposed by the study to reduce sedimentation and promote the movement of food and nutrients. Fishermen, whose right to use the river I fully support, will trample the flora on riverbanks to reach fishing holes, so there is no reason to think that the impact on the river will be increased by allowing whitewater access.

In closing, it flies in the face of logic and my basic rights to enjoy a recreational resource to restrict the use of the Upper Chatooga watershed to specific groups.

Thank you,

Trafford McRae

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