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I am a year-round, voting resident of Sapphire, NC, and I would urge you to vote against opening the Upper Chattooga River to the extreme sport of whitewater kayaking. The proposed change that is being lobbied for by American Whitewater will forever change this prisitne stretch of river. These "creek boating" sports can be enjoyed on all other nearby rivers, including the lower Chattooga, but this stretch should remain wild and be protected from further pressure. The people that are lobbying for this change have mounted a campaign to flood congress with letters but do not live in this area and probably have never visited . They will not be affected by this change, but the people that live, enjoy and vote in this part of NC will be.

PLEASE, VOTE NO TO WHITEWATER KAYAKING ON THE UPPER CHATTOOGA RIVER.

Thank you,

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