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To U. S. Forest Service:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to any rule changes that would permit boating on the Upper Chattooga River. Granting boaters any new access to the Upper Chattooga would detract from the wilderness and solitude of this beautiful river, and deprive other users of that wilderness experience. I am also concerned about the increased traffic resulting from boaters accessing the river. Knowing this stretch of river as I do, I believe it is inevitable that boating activity would case irreparable harm to the rare plant and animal species found in the area. This is unacceptable.

Also, the costs of enforcing any rules that would allow boating is a concern to me. The demands of boaters on the Upper Chattooga would divert precious resources and personnel from other important management tasks that the Forest Service has responsibility for.

Please, keep boaters OFF the Upper Chattooga River.

Sincerely,
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