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Dear Sumter National Forest,

I am a mechanical engineer living and working in Atlanta. My favorite part of living in the Southest, by far, is boating the fantastic Georgia rivers. So, your Environmental Assessment regarding the recreational management of the Chattooga River is a big disappointment to me. When I think of tax-funded organizations, like yours, I like to imagine that they provide equal benefit to all those who pay taxes to support them. Apparently, you do not agree, as you would like to ban my use of the Upper Chattooga River completely. I do not see any justification for this discrimination and, quite frankly, I am outraged that you have forgotten that you work for ALL taxpayers, not just the fishers or land owners you currently favor.

Consider also the population you are offending. There are a great number of young professionals in the area that are boating enthusiasts. I am one of them. There is also widespread concern in the Southeast that young professionals are moving elsewhere after college. Your attitude towards one of our favorite hobbies will certainly not help.

I hope you will reconsider your duties to the public.

Ashlie Brown