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I would like to thank the Forest Service for the work put in on the boating issue above highway 28. When the Wild and Scenic Chattooga corridor was created, the planners in their wisdom, banned boating above 28 highway. I still think this should continue and Alternative 3 would be the best solution but I can support Alternative #4 as has been recommended. I live in Lumpkin county, Ga and am a fisherman, backpacker, canoe paddler and kayaker. In this part of north Georgia there is no shortage of streams to paddle.There are however no streams to equal the Chattooga and the quality fishing and hiking experience experience it now provides to this area. unrestricted boating access would adversely affect this unique experience.
I have read many of the comments from American Whitewater members and it seems to me that a lot of the comments are from people who have never and probably never will visit this area. I feel that an organized attempt is being made to set a precedent so that unlimited access to every rivulet in every federal owned property will be established. With the evolution of smaller boats it is believed that anything that is possible should be allowed. What about off-road vehicles. Will they be the next to complain of unfair treatment? Limits must be applied somewhere.
I think that the Forest Service has worked very hard in study this issue and has attempted to accommodate all with it's recommendation of Alternative # 4. I support this alternative.

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