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Thanks to the Forest Service for a thorough analysis. However, alternative 4, which would seem to be an acceptable compromise for the user groups involved, is not acceptable to those who are interested in keeping the upper Chattooga as wild and pristine as possible. As I understand it, alternative 4 would allow boaters access to some of the most pristine and otherwise unaccessible portions of the river. The last thing we need to do is open this section of river to more users. Foot travel and camping is invasive enough. Boaters have the potential to turn this beautiful river into a zoo during the periods they are allowed on the river, especially since the limited nature of their access would make it a novelty. Boaters have clogged most other floatable-sized rivers in the Southeast, let's keep this one free of the adrenaline-junky scourge. I foresee limited enforcement of the regulations, as is witnessed by the fact that I started seeing a few kayaks on the river as early as five or six years ago. Other users were the only ones around to tell them they weren't supposed to be there. Dragging boats up and down the bank is as destructive as cattle drinking in the river. Please keep the boater ban in place, and keep the upper Chattooga River from turning into the amusement park it is further downstream.

Thanks,
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