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I'll try to make this short.

Of all recreation, paddling has among the least enviromental impact. Even less than fishing and hiking.

I don't understand why paddling the upper Chattooga was banned decades ago. I really don't understand the justification for effectively retaining the ban now. Apparently neither did the office of the Chief of the USFS when it determined that the ban was totally unjustified and thus violated the Wilderness Act and the Wild and Scenis Rivers Act. The proposed mangement plan requires such a rare and special set of circumstances for paddling that the ban would effectively remain in place.

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