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RE: Chattooga River Project Comments

Dear Sumter National Forest,

My name is Miles Small. I am just a normal person from Colorado. I am writing to express my concern over the management of the Chattooga River. I also have a Bachelor of Science from Virginia Tech in Outdoor Recreation Resource Management. I am confused as to why there continues to be a ban on a specific user group while allowing all other user groups unrestricted access. Especially when the particular user groups (boaters) are most likely to be the least impact on the natural resource especially with controlled numbers. I disagree with your analysis and your proposal. I am dumbfounded how non-motorized rivercraft is not inline with the values of a Wild and Scenic River designation. With no reason or justification to limit paddling on the Chattooga I feel it is time to allow boating and stop discriminating against a specific user group.

Please allow access for boating on all Sections and Tributaries of the

Chattooga.

Please provide a user capacity analysis.

Please allow an Environmental Assessment that provides a full range of alternative options besides a continued or limited ban on boating.

Thank you for considering these comments. Please consider conducting a real user capacity analysis and immediately allowing boating in the same numbers, places, and seasons that you allow existing users. Paddling should be allowed in a similar manner to your alternative number 8, except on the *entire* Upper Chattooga River and its tributaries.

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