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Subject:	Please protect our national treasure! The Chattooga River.
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Greetings,

As a South Carolina native and resident I appeal to your better sense of judgment - please don't risk our great national treasure - The Chattooga River. I first fell in love with river and gorge as a young man in the 1970's - before it was federally protected. Despite the trash in and around the river it immediately became a part of who I am. When the river was declared Wild and Scenic we rejoiced! And the river breathed a sigh of relief. Let's keep it as wild and scenic as we can so my children can grow to love it just as I do. We don't need to open another access point at Norton Mill Creek.

Let's strike a compromise that puts the river's well being first.

Let's strike another alternative that will allow boating from Cane Creek Road to Highway 28 *if* the water levels are above 500 cu feet/second and let's restrict boaters to 4 groups of 6 paddlers in that section. I firmly believe these provisions are in the best interest of man and river.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,
Mac Christopher