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To Whom It May Concern:

I am going to keep this short and to the point! I am disappointed with the pre-decision. The Upper Chattooga River should remain closed to boaters! I have read several "comments" that were forwarded to you from people that have perfectly outlined all the many reasons why this area should remain closed to boating. It is really a no-brainer when you consider the negative environmental impact of such a decision. Please don't cave to the pressure from the "big money" whitewater industry. This area is important to us! The "boaters" already have access to the majority of the river, so please leave this area pristine and untouched.

I will close with this- on the Oconee Nuclear Station calendar from last year (2007), the month of November had a beautiful picture of the Upper Chattooga and the caption reads: "The Upper Chattooga River is a nationally protected "wild and scenic" river open to hiking and fishing. It is considered one of South Carolina's most untouched natural resources." That says it all right there! Please leave it "untouched!" Let the environment win for a change, in a world full of greed and destruction. It is one of the last great places where you can have a true wilderness experience!

Respectfully,

Melody Shealy

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