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Dear Sumter National Forest,

My name is Ted Otto, I live in St. Louis, MO and am very disappointed in the current boating ban on the Chattooga River. I drive close to ten hours one way to paddle that lovely river you have in South Carolina and find it very absolutely appalling that one could reasonably allow all other outdoor recreations on the upper sections of the river with out allowing boating, especially with out having any viable scientific data that verifies boating causing destruction to the area. I don't see how something as protected as the Grand Canyon on the Colorado River is able to be boated and rafted, but the Chattooga River can't be? Boaters are some of the most appreciative people of our wilderness and generally treat all property with respect. I would like to propose you open the upper sections of the Chattooga to boating, along with all outdoor recreations, allowing everyone an equal use of that great gem you have there.

Thank you,
Ted Otto