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I support Alternative 1

I appreciate the opportunity to voice my opinion on the Upper Chattooga Environmental Assessment. I believe in the philosophy of if it ain't broken don't fix it. It appears the white water boaters are asking people all over the world to comment on "OUR" river and ask for unlimited access. Most of these people have never heard of much less seen the Chattooga River in Georgia. I hope you factor that in the decision making process. For the past 32 years it has worked great for people like me that like to hike, hunt, bird watch and fish in a secluded area without the distractions of boaters. Boaters have 36 miles of the river but want it all. It will be a shame and disgrace to allow boaters access to this last 19 miles of the river above the Highway 28 bridge especially when they are asking boaters worldwide to stack the deck with comments. I hope that common sense prevails with the decision makers in the US Forest Service and they see thru the one sided effort of the boaters. The Upper Chattooga is a unique resource that deserves to be protected from the impacts associated with boating and would be best protected by no change in the current management. I support Alternative 1.

Thank you!

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