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Dear Sir,

I am writing you to express my disappointment with the results of the environmental assessment for the headwaters of the Chattooga. I do not support amendment 4 because I believe that it is biased towards hikers and fisherman. As a landowner of 4 miles of property here in Alabama and can tell you that it is the fishermen that leave significant quantities of trash along the banks of our beautiful Choccolocco Creek. I only wish that there were more paddlers that enjoyed our slow-moving creek because I know that they would not stand for the mess they would encounter at the access points. Meanwhile, I have seen fishermen surrounded by trash with pole in hand not even noticing the trash around them.

Why in almost every one of the USFS alternatives are the boaters the only user group regulated? Not one of the alternatives limited hiking nor fishing! I am asking the Forest Service to abandon Alternative 4 in favor of Alternative 8. Alternative 4 is so unfair and discriminatory that it invites a lawsuit that will only sap the limited financial resources of the Forest Service. Please don’t spend my tax dollars in this way. Use them to protect and preserve our wilderness fairly. Support Alternative 8!

Thanks,

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