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Please consider this a vote against opening the uppper Chattooga River to any additional boat traffic due to the suit filed by the American Whitewater Assoc. I feel it is imperative to retain certain area's as Wild and Scenic, and being that 90% of the Chattooga is already available to boaters, this area should remain preserved.

I have been to this area a few times for whitewater rafting adventures so I speak from experience. The area is beautiful!! We must protect the Upper Chattooga from further disturbance. This ecosystem is very fragile, and I feel further disturbance will only have a negative impact the region. By protecting the Upper Chattooga, this will ensure that other generations have the opportunity to experience this grand and pristine environment.

Thank you for listening.

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