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I am writing in grave concern about the obvious conflict in interest that exists between the Forest Servce and Trout Unlimited. I have just learned that The USFS is a national sponsor of the Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited.

I cannot imagine a more biased situation in which to manage forests which are intended to be used by ALL citizens, not just an elite few.

For years, the Francis Marion-Sumter National Forest has illegally banned boating on the upper reaches of the Chattooga River in Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. All attempts by the boating community to gain fair and equitable access to this Wild and Scenic River, as is specifically allowed by the WSR designation, have been strongly opposed by the angling community.

And, the illegal ban has stayed in place for over 30 years. Now, I know why.

This is a travesty of administration on the part of your agency. I am completely disgusted with this situation.

For decades, US citizens have tried to access a river which was clearly designated as Wild and Scenic in an attempt to protect the unique and unparalleled whitewater

boating experience represented by the Chattooga River. We have been stymied on every front with refusals, delays and, now, outright collusion on the part of the federal agency tasked with protecting our rights to use and enjoyment of this tremendous national resource.

Please remedy this situation. It is completely inexcusable and represents "old boy politics" at it's finest.

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