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Dear Analysis Team.

The 2004 Appeal Decision asked the USFS to assess boating opportunities on the Upper Chattooga. The appeal decision did not limit that analysis to human-powered boats, why did the USFS make this arbitrary decision?

All members of the public have equal rights to access wild and scenic rivers whether it by kayak, canoe, raft, powerboat or PWC.

The Wild and Scenic River Act does not limit motorized boats from using waterways; this is done by the managing agency. The USFS has eliminated motorized craft from the entire river without a NEPA review or capacity analysis.

Why has the USFS avoided analysis of the most popular types of watercrafts when only few miles of the 21 miles under review flow through wilderness areas? I can understand some limits or zoning from wilderness areas, but a complete ban is illegal use of power by the USFS

Motor boats have been denied access for thirty years. It is time to open the river up for all Americans... including power boats.

Thank you for considering my comments

Gordon