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Your Environmental Assessment regarding the recreational management of the Chattooga River provides no acceptable alternative because they all include boating bans on the upper Chattooga Cliffs reach and on tributaries – without any justification. There is no reason to ban boating on the upper Chattooga; you've looked for a reason for years and haven't found one. Boaters won't hurt the ecosystem or the experience of other users. Why have you ignored the input of your hired consultants? Furthermore, having an average daily flow trigger is an idea that just plain won't work.

I support an alternative that 1) fully allows boating on the entire Chattooga River below Grimshawes Bridge, 2) allows paddling on tributaries, 3) includes encounter standards based on a real user capacity analysis, 4) will *equitably* limit *total* use only when encounter standards are consistently exceeded, and 5) will do so using all available indirect measures first.

Sincerely,
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