From: Hartwell Watkins
To: Jerome Thomas
Subject: Please Continue to Protect the Upper Chatooga River
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Jerome Thomas
Forest Supervisor

Dear Jerome Thomas:

I am submitting my support in favor of continuing to protect the Upper Chattooga River from overuse by boats and maintaining the current tradition of exclusive low impact recreational uses, such as fishing, hunting, and hiking. I strongly urge the Forest Sevice to select the "No Change" alternative in order to continue the current prohibition against floating vessels on the Upper Chattooga. This alternative fairly balances recreational uses on the entire river and protects the sensitive upper stretch from unnatural disturbance by vessels. Thank you for your consideration of my position.

Sincerely,

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