From:	Mark Thomas
To:	Jerome Thomas
Subject:	PROTECT THE UPPER CHATOOGA RIVER
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Jerome Thomas
Forest Supervisor

Dear Jerome Thomas:

US Forest Service,
I am submitting my strong position in favor of protecting the Upper Chattooga River from overuse by boats and continuing the current tradition of exclusive low impact recreational uses, such as fishing, hunting, and hiking. I urge the Forest Sevice to select the "No Change" alternative 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 disturbance by vessels. Thank you for consideration of my position.

Sincerely,

Mark Thomas
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