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Sub ject Whiteside Cove Association - American Whitewater, et al. appeal

The Whiteside Cove Association (Association) requests to intervene into the American Whitewater, et al. appeal, dated October 19, 2009. This request references the Appeal to the FONSI Amendment #22 to the Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests Land and Resource Management Plan, and the FONSI Amendment #1 to the Sumter National Forest Revised Land and Resource Management Plan, both listed under file Code 1900.

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The Whiteside Cove Association believes that the kayak lobby's demands for unmanaged recreation and unlimited boating are in direct conflict with our members ability to enjoy the Chattooga due to the associated conflicts and disturbances resulting from paddlers. The Association-who leases the property- has also provided numerous correspondence to the USFS, that prove kayaking this section would result in trespassing onto private property and is in direct violation of numerous North Carolina laws. We have also brought to the attention of the agency that the liability associated with recreating on private property has not been assessed. For these reasons, and many more, we request that the USFS deny American Whitewaters request for unlimited boating in the North Carolina and do not allow any boating above Bull Pen Bridge Bridge.

Please accept this timely request to intervene sent electronically to the reviewing officer at ([appeals-southern-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:appeals-southern-regional-office@fs.fed.us)), and to the Appellants. We reserve the right to file additional comments for 30 days following this email. Please keep the Association updated with all correspondence and discussions between appellants and the USFS regarding any proposed plan revisions.

Sincerely,

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