

## Other Users or Issues Associated with the Upper Chattooga River

USERS/ISSUES	CONCERNS	DESIRED CONDITIONS
Hunters	Ease of access through boating could increase use from hunting and fishing. Area should be difficult to access.	Looking for solitude; few hunters. Want to enjoy a natural, remote setting. Opportunities for day and multi-day hunting, 20-25 times per year.
River Ecosystem Conservationists	Preservation of wild and scenic characteristics. Preservation of quality wildlife habitat.	Limited resource impacts. Solitude.
EMC Personnel	<p>Primary concerns regarding potential boating use above Highway 28 bridge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access—time to get there, difficulty of terrain</li> <li>• Rescue personnel safety</li> <li>• Potential damage to landscape due to difficult access</li> <li>• Cost of entry into area with rescue personnel and equipment</li> <li>• Need to protect people, property, equipment, resources</li> </ul>	<p>Oppose boating above Highway 28 unless portage points are put in place and are well-flagged.</p> <p>Potential mitigation measures for boating above the bridge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requiring certain level of boater skill</li> <li>• Building portages around Big Bend, other difficult rapids</li> <li>• Providing signs for portage areas</li> <li>• Pre-plan and dry run with rescue agencies for boater rescue</li> <li>• Limit size of recreational boaters (minimum of 3 for safety reasons, maximum of 6)</li> </ul>

Source: Public meetings on Chattooga River visitor capacity analysis process during October, November, and December 2005.