

Upper Chattooga River Visitor Capacity Analysis Data Collection Reports

The Forest Service is conducting a Visitor Capacity Analysis and is employing a modified “Limits of Acceptable Change” (LAC) planning framework for evaluating visitor use and potential impacts on the environment. Several types of information and analyses were needed as part of this analysis, as described in *Upper Chattooga River Visitor Capacity Analysis Implementation Plan for Data Collection Methods* (USFS, 2006). This document describes one element of those efforts, the *Use Estimation Workshop Summary* is a summary of a workshop conducted with resource agency personnel to help consolidate and summarize use information by capitalizing on extensive agency knowledge as well as some existing user surveys and creel surveys.

A summary and integration of key findings from these collective efforts is provided in *Assessing Capacity and Conflict on the Upper Chattooga River* (CRC, 2007). Information from these efforts will be incorporated into the LAC effort to assess visitor capacity decisions on the Upper Chattooga. At the conclusion of the LAC effort, the Forest Service plans to develop a proposed action and alternatives for review through a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process prior to implementation.

This document is one of several describing methods and findings from the data collection efforts. It serves as one of several “supporting reports” to the *Capacity and Conflict Report*. The complete list of reports includes:

- *Chattooga River History Project, Literature Review and Interview Summary* (Tetra Tech, 2006) – a history of Chattooga recreation decision-making that documents the basis for the 1976 boating ban and similar issues in order to help frame issues in the current analysis.
- *Capacities on other Wild and Scenic Rivers: seven case studies* (Diedrich, 2007) - a review of capacity issues on seven W&S with similarities to issues on the Upper Chattooga. This report provides examples of how other planners have interpreted laws and mandates, conducted analyses, or arrived at capacity decisions on other rivers.
- *Use Estimation Workshop Summary* (Berger and CRC, 2007)– summary of workshop conducted with resource agency personnel to help consolidate and summarize use information by capitalizing on extensive agency knowledge as well as some existing user surveys and creel surveys.
- *Limited Use Monitoring Summary* (Berger, 2007) – summary of data collected through the use monitoring conducted by the public, Forest Service and contractor of vehicle counts within selected access locations along the Chattooga River Corridor.
- *Literature Review Report* (Louis Berger, 2007) – Literature review and summary of information from existing studies on the Chattooga or studies /planning from other similar settings; includes the following components:

- *Recreation-Related Social Impacts and Standards* - information related to the relationships between use and impacts and the “evaluative side” of the social impacts issue, including which impacts are most important, tolerances for those impacts, and which management actions tend to be used and supported to address them.
- *Recreation Related Trail/Site Impacts* - information about relationships between use and biophysical impacts, potential standards for those impacts, and the acceptability of management actions to address them.
- *Recreation-Related Wildlife Impacts* - information about relationships between recreation use and wildlife impacts, potential standards for those impacts, and the acceptability of management actions to address them.
- *Recreation Related Flow Preferences* - information about opportunities and flow preferences, particularly related to other rivers similar to the Chattooga.
- ***Proxy River Information (USFS 2007)*** – summary of management and flow related information for “similar-type” rivers to the Chattooga River as identified through public input.
- ***Biophysical Monitoring Information on the Chattooga River (USFS 2007)*** - information about current conditions in the corridor, including maps of existing trails, and a summary of other biophysical-related information that is relevant to Chattooga River capacity issues.
- ***Hydrology Issues on the Upper Chattooga River (USFS 2007)*** - This report summarizes recreation-relevant hydrology information for the upper river, including (1) rating curves and basin areas for staff gages at all bridges; (2) relationships between the Burrells Ford gage and the USGS Highway 76 gage; (3) summary hydrology for the period of record at the Highway 76 gage; and (4) extensions to the Burrells Ford gage.
- ***Expert Panel Field Assessment Report (Louis Berger, 2007)*** – report for the expert panel field assessment conducted to gather information about boating and angling opportunities on the upper Chattooga River, with particular attention to boater and angler flow preferences for these flow-dependent activities.

Meeting Summary Chattooga River Use Estimation Workshop February 20, 2007

The *use workshop* estimates were an exercise in “group thinking,” where experienced agency resource staff discussed their knowledge and tried to reach consensus on estimates for opportunities and locations. Participants recognized that some estimates were less precise than others, and expect to revise them as other information becomes available through the remainder of the Chattooga capacity process. In the absence of other information, workshop data describe general use patterns and the relative ranges of use.

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The meeting opened with introductions and Doug Whittaker provided a summary of the objectives of the meeting. The objectives were to obtain information regarding estimated use along the upper Chattooga River corridor from those agency personnel (both state agency and FS) who were knowledgeable about the use that occurs within those reaches.

The areas included the locations and opportunity types are summarized in the following table. Due to time constraints the group covered areas from Grimshawes/Sliding Rock downstream to Nicholson Fields / Above Highway 28 (DH section), but did not complete the discussion for areas from Highway 28 downstream during the workshop meeting. Some participants (Jeff Owenby and Allen Smith for the GA portion) provided input on these areas following the meeting.

Location	Type of Recreation Opportunity
Grimshawes/Sliding Rock	Frontcountry (Easy Access) General Recreation
Chattooga Cliffs Reach	Day Hiking Backpacking Backcountry Angling
Bull Pen Road Bridge Area	Frontcountry (Easy Access) General Recreation
Ellicott Rock Reach	Day Hiking Backpacking Backcountry Angling
Burrells Ford Area	Frontcountry (Easy Access) General Recreation Frontcountry Angling Campground use
Rock Gorge Area	Day Hiking Backpacking Backcountry Angling
Nicholson Fields / Above Highway 28 (DH section)	Backcountry Angling Day Hiking
Highway 28 Bridge Area	Frontcountry (Easy Access) General Recreation Frontcountry Angling
West Fork (Section I)	Frontcountry General Recreation Front country Angling Overflow boating use
Below Highway 28 Bridge (Section II)	Frontcountry general recreation All types of angling All types of hiking/backpacking
Below Earls Ford (Section III)	Frontcountry general recreation All types of angling All types of hiking/backpacking
Below Highway 76 (Section IV)	Frontcountry general recreation All types of angling All types of hiking/backpacking

Following is a summary of the information generated as part of the workshop for the various locations.

Grimshawes/Sliding Rock

Description of Area: area upstream of Grimshawes Bridge and right around Sliding Rock.

Opportunity/Month	Weekdays		Weekends		Precision	Comments
	Avg	Peak	Avg	Peak		
Frontcountry (Easy Access) General Recreation - PAOT						
Jan	2	4	4	10	Medium	
Feb	2	4	4	10	Medium	
Mar	6	10	12	20	Medium	
Apr	10	15	20	30	Medium	
May	10	18	20	40	Medium	
Jun	14	20	28	50	Medium	
Jul	20	25	40	70	Medium	Peak weekend on high side 12-15 vehicles
Aug	20	25	40	70	Medium	
Sep	10	18	20	40	Medium	
Oct	6	18	12	40	Medium	
Nov	2	6	4	20	Medium	
Dec	2	4	4	10	Medium	
Avg Group Size	Summer 7 – 9, smaller group sizes other times of year					
Type of Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% river use; short walk to view river. • Mainly water play and viewing scenery. • Summer use (June, July, August) predominantly family with kids, larger group sizes wading, "sliding rock"; length of stay about 2 hrs; shoulder season (April, May, Sept) length of stay about 1 hr viewing water; short stop on driveby; winter Dec-Feb about 30 minutes viewing. • Swimming occurs in summer, shoulder season and claimed year round. • Summer use - kids in floatation type toys (water toys) - site use not river trip activity. • Flashiness of flows can dictate summer (children) use; climate/weather temp variable is stronger than flow variable • Some fishing occurs - occasional anglers come early or late avoid kids in middle of day. 					
Trends/Future Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trends - increasing use in proportion to trends in general tourism 					
Capacity/Conflict Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reputation of area as popular with day users/waders in middle of day dictates anglers to avoid other types of uses. 					

Chattooga Cliffs Reach

Description of Area: area downstream of Grimshawes Bridge (below private lands) to about ¼ mile above Bull Pen Bridge.

Opportunity/Month	Weekdays		Weekends		Precision	Comments
	Avg	Peak	Avg	Peak		
Day Hiking -- GAOT						
Jan	1	2	2	3	Medium	This is total for reach. 25% of these groups are anglers in all months but October. October is 15% anglers.
Feb	1	2	2	3	Medium	
Mar	2	4	4	5	Medium	
Apr	2	4	4	5	Medium	
May	3	6	6	12	Medium	
Jun	3	6	6	12	Medium	
Jul	4	8	8	12	Medium	
Aug	4	8	8	12	Medium	
Sep	3	6	6	8	Medium	
Oct	4	8	8	12	Medium	
Nov	2	4	4	6	Medium	
Dec	1	2	2	3	Medium	
Avg Group Size	Day use and angling – 1-3, rare to see groups of 10-11 scouts hiking clubs etc.					
Backpacking -- GAOT						
Jan						
Feb						
Mar						
Apr						
May						
Jun	1	1	1	1	Medium	1 group type 1-2 people may be as large as 8-10 people
Jul	1	1	1	1	Medium	
Aug	1	1	1	1	Medium	
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Avg Group Size						
Backcountry Angling -- PAOT						
Jan						
Feb						
Mar						
Apr						
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Avg Group Size						

Chattooga Cliffs Reach (cont.)

<p>Type of Use</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considerable amounts of day hiking. • Users from county line - exclusively up and back. • Users from Chattooga and Bull Pen 50/50 up and back and shuttle. • Campsites seldomly used. • Not more than 1 group, not many side trails, steep slopes, minimal backpacking - too short maybe. • Public fishing characteristics - 50%fly;25%livebait,25%spinner – verify with NCDNR. • More likely to catch rainbow than brown trout. • Browns may dominate population but rainbows dominate fishery. • No stocking on NC side, but stocking on trib's and reported private stocking in Whitewater Cove area; downwashing and private stocking - private enhancements that spills over to public lands inflating public use near these private "fish farms."
<p>Boating opportunity discussions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most creek like, this section has the most portages, group size needs to be small for safely- not much room to eddy out, lowest use of all reaches, more difficult.
<p>Trends/Future Use</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day hiking - slight increase, roads are slowly being paved- better access, average age in the area is decreasing • Backpacking – no change
<p>Conflict /Capacity Issues</p>	
<p>Other Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More debris is possible from dying hemlocks- more hemlocks in this area than in many other areas, river is more narrow, increase in probability of portages. • More woody debris not negative for fish. May be beneficial especially for brown trout. Hemlocks dying won't be a negative- may be a positive. • Some private land in this section. Development potential may change use, potential effects of runoff due to development.

Bull Pen Road Bridge Area

Description of Area: area about ¼ mile upstream and about ¼ mile downstream of Bull Pen Bridge.

Opportunity/Month	Weekdays		Weekends		Precision	Comments
	Avg	Peak	Avg	Peak		
Frontcountry (Easy Access) General Recreation -- PAOT						
Jan	4	6	6	8	Medium	
Feb	4	6	6	8	Medium	
Mar	5	8	8	10	Medium	
Apr	8	10	10	12	Medium	
May	12	15	15	16	Medium	
Jun	15	20	20	22	Medium	
Jul	18	20	20	22	Medium	
Aug	14	16	16	18	Medium	
Sep	12	15	15	16	Medium	
Oct	18	20	20	22	Medium	
Nov	8	10	10	12	Medium	
Dec	6	8	8	10	Medium	
Avg Group Size	2 to 3 people/group					

Type of Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well known on tourist routes as place to stop • Tourist-sightseers - walking to bridge, back into car, small % walking up trail and back to car. • 80% of use is sightseeing - people getting out of car and looking • Swimmers more likely to go to Grimshawes; • Anglers-steep parts upstream limit opportunity, similar to Grimshawes, small percent fish bridge for short period of time and leave • Avg trip length = 30 mins. • Cycling through of vehicles, stopping, viewing, and moving along. Very rare to have 10 people on bridge at one time but people passing by each other.
Group size notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-3 per group scenery viewing – walk to the bridge and back to the car, 80% sight seeing
Trends/Future Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase – ease of access, increase in paved roads
Conflict/ Capacity Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking is limited; traffic flow can be restricted at peak times due to parked cars along the road etc.
Other Comments	

Ellicott Rock Reach

Description of Area: area starting about ¼ mile downstream of Bull Pen Bridge to about ¼ mile above Burrells Ford Bridge.

Opportunity/Month	Weekdays		Weekends		Precision	Comments
	Avg	Peak	Avg	Peak		
Day Hiking -- GAOT						
Jan	1	2	2	2	Medium	
Feb	1	2	2	4	Medium	
Mar	2	2	4	8	Medium	
Apr	2	4	4	10	Medium	
May	2	4	8	16	Medium	
Jun	4	6	8	16	Medium	
Jul	4	6	10	20	Medium	
Aug	4	6	8	16	Medium	
Sep	2	4	8	16	Medium	
Oct	2	4	4	10	Medium	
Nov	2	2	2	6	Medium	
Dec	1	2	2	2	Medium	
Avg Group Size	Weekday group size 5; weekend avg. 8; peak group size: 10 (day use hiking groups)					
Backpacking – GAOT						
Jan	.5	1	1	1	Medium	
Feb	.5	1	1	2	Medium	
Mar	1	1	2	4	Medium	
Apr	1	2	2	5	Medium	
May	1	2	4	8	Medium	
Jun	2	3	4	8	Medium	
Jul	2	3	5	10	Medium	Group size is variable 1-6. 10 groups of 6 would be peak
Aug	2	3	4	8	Medium	
Sep	1	2	4	8	Medium	
Oct	1	2	2	5	Medium	
Nov	1	1	1	3	Medium	
Dec	.5	1	1	1	Medium	
Avg Group Size	5 across board; low precision; max size: 30-40 cubscouts					

Ellicott Rock Reach (cont.)

Opportunity/Month	Weekdays		Weekends		Precision	Comments
	Avg	Peak	Avg	Peak		
Backcountry Angling -- PAOT						
Jan	0.5	1		2	Medium	Delayed harvest considered here Nov-April/May
Feb	0.5	1	1	2	Medium	Access Burrells Ford Fish Hatchery, not counting Sloan bridge as Trailhead for anglers
Mar	2	4	2	6	Medium	
Apr	3	5	5	8	Medium	
May	4	7	6	10	Medium	
Jun	4	8	5	10	Medium	Warming water, but people looking to fish even if not great success
Jul	3	6	5	10	Medium	Fishing may not be good but anglers still venture into area
Aug	2	5	3	6	Medium	Transition-school; casual anglers
Sep	1	4	3	6	Medium	Cooler weather; more expert anglers
Oct	1	4	3	6	Medium	Cooler weather/fall colors brown trout spawning - temps ideal for catching
Nov	1	4	3	6	Medium	
Dec	0.5	1	1	2	Medium	Gets cold
Avg Group Size	1					

Ellicott Rock Reach (cont.)

<p>Type of Use</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proportion type of use – spinner vs. bait vs. fly -- 50%fly/50%spin (both angling groups are rock hopping, wading in water) • Aug-Sept more casual (any kind of angling) anglers, not as successful compared to Oct-Nov expert (90%fly) anglers. • Differentiating between day hiker, backpacker, angler and users participate in multiple activities. • Not much difference in # of people between weekdays & weekends. • Ellicott Rock Wilderness is day hike not "typical" wilderness uses.
<p>Trends/Future Use</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will slowly increase due to growth in Atlanta and Greenville • Trends: hiking/backpacking levels are static; however population numbers are increasing.
<p>Other Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group size discussion: group sizes for hikers and backpackers may be switched since backpackers would be larger and vary between weekends/weekdays. • Under utilized area: 99% use is wilderness adjacent to river (w/in 200 yards of water) from Ellicott Rock down - rest is unvisited wilderness. • Not much bank fishing; mostly wading fishing. • Most of use occurs within 200 feet of river in this corridor.

Burrells Ford Area

Description of Area: area within ¼ mile upstream and ¼ mile downstream of Burrells Ford Bridge.

Opportunity/Month	Weekdays		Weekends		Precision	Comments
	Avg	Peak	Avg	Peak		
Frontcountry (Easy Access) General Recreation – PAOT picnic, scenic viewing, swimming NOT camping, angling						
Jan	5		8		Low	
Feb	5		8		Low	
Mar	10		10		Low	
Apr	10		20		Low	
May	15		30		Low	
Jun	20		50		Low	
Jul	20		50		Low	
Aug	20		50		Low	
Sep	15		30		Low	
Oct	10		30		Low	
Nov	5		20		Low	
Dec	5		10		Low	
Avg Group Size						
Frontcountry Angling – PAOT (angler only; not camping)*						
Jan	1	4	2	6		*1998-99 frontcontry creel survey data showed peak angling use may peak as high as 38 PAOT in spring and summer, but averages were about 15 in the spring and less than 10 in summer. In the fall, peaks were about 25 but averages were about 11. In winter peaks were as high as 10, but averages were about 4.
Feb	1	4	2	6		
Mar	6	20	12	35		
Apr	10	40	20	50		
May	10	40	20	50		
Jun	15	40	30	60		
Jul	15	40	30	60		
Aug	15	40	30	60		
Sep	10	20	30	45		
Oct	10	25	30	45		
Nov	5	25	10	25		
Dec	2	5	4	8		
Avg Group Size						
Campground – Groups per night Groups per night 1/4 mi above bridge and 1/4 below campground proper; 20+ sites in formal campground, 32 sites total w/in stretch						
Jan	0		1		Low	
Feb	0		1		Low	
Mar	1		2		Low	
Apr	2		4		Low	
May	5		8		Low	
Jun	10		20		Low	
Jul	15		30		Low	
Aug	12		25		Low	
Sep	10		20		Low	
Oct	8		15		Low	
Nov	2		4		Low	
Dec	1		2		Low	

Avg Group Size -	4 campground group size. FS will get back to group on peak. Max=30 group size, less frequent high end. More common max size = 15,
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Burrells Ford Area (cont.)

Type of Use	
Trends/Future Use	
Other Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area stocked, some campers fish; but lots of day use angling. • Numbers by season not by month, • SCDNR: weekends higher and by season. March start stocking-numbers dependent on stocking; • Stocking schedule starts Feb/March thru June; July Aug Sept 2-3 x month - 10 month stocking season Dec-January no stocking. • 2006 probably not representative of normal use: \$3 gas; hot/dry weather; low flows.

Rock Gorge Reach

Description of Area: area below ¼ mile downstream of Burrells Ford Bridge to top of delayed harvest area (Reed Creek)

Opportunity/Month	Weekdays		Weekends		Precision	Comments
	Avg	Peak	Avg	Peak		
Day Hiking (includes Nicholson Fields for this opportunity) – GAOT						
Jan	1		2	4	Medium	
Feb	1		2	4	Medium	
Mar	2		3	5	Medium	
Apr	3		5	10	Medium	
May	4		7	10	Medium	
Jun	5		10	15	Medium	
Jul	5		10	15	Medium	
Aug	5		10	15	Medium	
Sep	4		7	10	Medium	
Oct	3		6	10	Medium	
Nov	2		3	10	Medium	
Dec	1		2	5	Medium	
Avg Group Size	2-weekdays avg; 4.5 weekend avg.group size; Overall 2					
Backpacking (includes Nicholson Fields for this opportunity) – GAOT						
Jan	1		2		Low	
Feb	1		2		Low	
Mar	2		4		Low	
Apr	4		6		Low	
May	4		6		Low	
Jun	10		15		Low	
Jul	10		15		Low	
Aug	8		12		Low	
Sep	6		10		Low	
Oct	4		6		Low	
Nov	1		2		Low	
Dec	1		2		Low	
Avg Group Size - 3						
Backcountry Angling (does not include Nicholson Fields/DH) -- PAOT						
Jan	1	2	1	2	Low	
Feb	2	2	1	2	Low	
Mar	2	3	2	3	Low	
Apr	5	6	6	7	Low	
May	3	5	6	7	Low	
Jun	1	2	4	5	Low	
Jul	1	2	1	2	Low	
Aug	1	2	1	2	Low	
Sep	1	2	1	2	Low	
Oct	2	3	2	4	Low	
Nov	2	3	2	3	Low	
Dec	1	2	1	2	Low	
Avg Group Size - 1						

Rock Gorge Reach (cont.)

Type of Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Angling – 50 % fly; 50% bait/spin - need to validate with SCDNR
Trends/Future Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Slight increase in all due to overall pop increase. Check Southern Appalachian Assessment (Cordell et al) data, trend data participation rates are up, population data up
Other Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tough to estimate because lots of anglers in the area

Nicholson Fields (DH) – Lick Log to Highway 28

Description of Area: area from Reed Creek to ¼ mile above Highway 28 Bridge - DH Anglers specifically

Opportunity/Month	Weekdays		Weekends		Precision	Comments
	Avg	Peak	Avg	Peak		
Backcountry Angling – PAOT						
Jan	1	3	4	10		
Feb	1	3	6	15		
Mar	3	5	12	18		
Apr	5	10	15	20		
May	6	10	15	30		harvest
Jun	1	2	6	10		
Jul	0	1	2	4		water too hot
Aug	0	1	2	4		water too hot
Sep	1	2	3	6		
Oct	3	6	6	12		
Nov	6	10	15	30		stocking starts
Dec	5	9	10	20		
Avg Group Size	1					

Type of Use	
Trends/Future Use	
Other Comments	

Highway 28 Bridge Area

Description of Area: area within ¼ mile upstream and ¼ mile downstream of Highway 28 Bridge

Opportunity/Month	Weekdays		Weekends		Precision	Comments
	Avg	Peak	Avg	Peak		
Frontcountry (Easy Access) General Recreation -- PAOT – Input from GA Side Only						
Jan	0	1	1	2		
Feb	0	1	1	2		
Mar	1	2	2	3		
Apr	1	2	2	3		
May	1	2	2	3		
Jun	2	4	4	5		
Jul	2	4	4	5		
Aug	2	4	4	5		
Sep	1	2	2	3		
Oct	1	2	2	3		
Nov	0	1	1	2		
Dec	0	1	1	2		
Avg Group Size						
*Frontcountry Angling- PAOT –						
Jan						
Feb						
Mar						
Apr						
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Avg Group Size						

* 1998-99 frontcountry creel survey data showed that angling use at Highway 28 may peak as high as 15 anglers in spring or summer, but it averaged 4 to 6 PAOT on weekends and 1 to 3 on weekdays in these periods. In fall and winter, peaks were less than 5 and averages ranged from 1 to 2 PAOT.

Type of Use	
Trends/Future Use	
Other Comments	

West Fork (Section I)

Description of Area:

Opportunity/Month	Weekdays		Weekends		Precision	Comments
	Avg	Peak	Avg	Peak		
Frontcountry (Easy Access) General Recreation - PAOT						
Jan	0	5	4	12		
Feb	1	5	4	12		
Mar	2	8	8	16		
Apr	6	12	12	20		
May	6	12	12	20		
Jun	8	20	20	30		
Jul	8	20	20	30		
Aug	6	14	12	20		
Sep	6	12	10	18		
Oct	4	8	8	16		
Nov	2	6	6	14		
Dec	1	4	4	12		
Avg Group Size						
*All types of Angling - PAOT						
Jan						* Not estimated
Feb						
Mar						
Apr						
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Avg Group Size						

Type of Use	
Trends/Future Use	
Other Comments	

Lower River (Section II)

Description of Area: West Fork to Earls Ford (not including Earls Ford)

Opportunity/Month	Weekdays		Weekends		Precision	Comments
	Avg	Peak	Avg	Peak		
*Frontcountry (Easy Access) General Recreation- PAOT -						
Jan						* Not estimated
Feb						
Mar						
Apr						
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Proportion type of use						
*All types of Angling- PAOT						
Jan						* Not estimated
Feb						
Mar						
Apr						
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Proportion type of use						
All types of hiking / backpacking / horse riding- PAOT GA side only						
Jan	1	6	4	12		
Feb	0	4	2	12		
Mar	2	8	4	16		
Apr	3	10	8	28		
May	5	14	8	32		
Jun	7	20	12	40		
Jul	7	20	12	40		
Aug	4	12	8	32		
Sep	4	10	6	24		
Oct	5	12	8	28		
Nov	3	8	6	24		
Dec	1	8	4	16		
Proportion type of use						

Lower River Below Earls Ford (Section III)

Description of Area: Earls Ford to ¼ mile above Highway 76 Bridge

Opportunity/Month	Weekdays		Weekends		Precision	Comments
	Avg	Peak	Avg	Peak		
Frontcountry (Easy Access) General Recreation- PAOT GA side only						
Jan	3	20	10	40		
Feb	3	20	15	40		
Mar	8	35	20	70		
Apr	12	40	30	80		
May	14	50	50	100		
Jun	20	60	80	120		
Jul	20	60	80	120		
Aug	14	40	50	80		
Sep	12	35	40	70		
Oct	10	30	30	60		
Nov	6	25	30	50		
Dec	4	25	30	50		
Proportion type of use						
*All types of Angling- PAOT -						
Jan						* Not estimated
Feb						
Mar						
Apr						
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Proportion type of use						
All types of hiking / backpacking / horse riding- PAOT GA side only						
Jan	1	2	2	4		
Feb	1	2	2	4		
Mar	4	6	6	10		
Apr	4	6	8	12		
May	6	10	10	16		
Jun	10	14	12	18		
Jul	10	14	12	18		
Aug	6	8	10	16		
Sep	8	10	8	14		
Oct	4	6	6	12		
Nov	2	4	4	10		
Dec	1	2	2	6		
Proportion type of use						

Below Highway 76 (Section IV)

Description of Area: area within ¼ mile upstream of Highway 76 Bridge

Opportunity/Month	Weekdays		Weekends		Precision	Comments
	Avg	Peak	Avg	Peak		
Frontcountry (Easy Access) General Recreation- PAOT GA side only						
Jan	0	2	0	4		
Feb	0	2	0	4		
Mar	1	3	2	6		
Apr	2	5	4	10		
May	4	7	8	14		
Jun	8	15	12	30		
Jul	10	15	12	30		
Aug	8	14	10	28		
Sep	6	14	8	28		
Oct	2	16	4	32		
Nov	1	10	2	20		
Dec	0	6	0	12		
Proportion type of use						
* All types of Angling- PAOT-						
Jan						* Not estimated
Feb						
Mar						
Apr						
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Proportion type of use						
* All types of hiking / backpacking / horse riding- PAOT -						
Jan						* Not estimated
Feb						
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Nov						
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Proportion type of use						