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Forest Supervisor J. Thomas

Dear Sir,
The Upper Chattooga should be left as it is, boat free. My reasoning is as follows:

The actual issue is that American Whitewater- the lobbying arm of kayakers everywhere - like TU or the NRA-- has a mandate of getting Yellowstone opened to whitewater enthusiasts. The government will not listen to them, so they need a "landmark" ruling such as this one to cite in a theoretical lawsuit to gain access.
They couldn't care any less about the actual gaining of access into the upper Chattooga--they just need the precedent. And, they have several such actions going on around the country. They aren't getting anywhere....so far.

I implore you to leave well enough alone. Thank you for all the work you and your staff have done on this complex issue.

Sincerely,
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