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U.S. Forest Service
Chattooga River Project
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RE: Chattooga River Project Comments

Dear Sumter National Forest,

I live in NJ, am 58 years old, and have been enjoying whitewater kayaking for the past three years. As you might guess, NJ does not have a large number of rivers that afford good whitewater kayaking. So I have traveled to a number of wonderful places to paddle some great rivers, e.g. Yough, Deerfield, Ottawa.

I have reviewed the Environmental Assessment regarding the recreational management of the Chattooga River. I disagree with your analysis and your proposal. Both treat me and my community of river enthusiasts unfairly and your proposal would not meet my interests. Please consider the following concern I have regarding this issue:

The USFS preferred alternative includes a total ban on 2/3 of the upper river, a ban on tributary boating, and allows only 0-6 days of limited boating on the remaining reach – while allowing all other wilderness conforming existing uses in unlimited numbers.. This is not equitable and not acceptable.

Thank you for your consideration. Bill

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