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Please do not open the Upper Chattooga River to boating. No-boating alternatives 2 and 3 would better protect and preserve the wild and scenic nature of the River's headwaters. In June I visited the area and found it a rare and unique wilderness (Ellicott Rock Wilderness) in spite of the upscale growth pressing in around it. Let's keep it that way. GPS treasure hunters and elite boating trips are unnecessary for those who appreciate and consider the natural forest and streams a fragile treasure not to be compromised. Better to wait and see what impact opening of Gorges State Park will have on headwaters just east of there before encroaching on the Chattooga. All are significant water sources for Georgia and South Carolina. Thank you for your efforts to sustain our natural resources.

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