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July 19th, 2008
RE: Chattooga River Project Comments

Dear Sumter National Forest,

I have reviewed the Environmental Assessment regarding the recreational management of the Chattooga River.
I disagree with your analysis and your proposal.

Please consider the following concerns I have regarding this issue:

- No alternative is acceptable because they all include boating bans on the upper Chattooga Cliffs reach and on tributaries – without any justification.
- The EA offers no basis for the boating bans and limits
- The public shoul d have the right to float on public Wild and Scenic Rivers regardless of who owns the land along the river.

Thank you for considering these comments.
Please consider conducting a real user capacity analysis and immediately allowing boating in the same numbers, places, and seasons that you allow existing users.
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Thank you for considering these comments,
Sincerely
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