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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to tell you how dismayed I am about the recent developments regarding paddler access on the Chattooga. Paddlers are fantastic river stewards, and deserve access as much as any user group.

I personally take pride in picking up trash and packing it out of the river every time I paddle. Paddlers, as a group, are also very low impact. Having a profound love of the wilderness, and especially beautiful rivers, I would love to explore the Chattooga, and leave it in better condition than I found it in. Why can't I have that chance?

Please consider all the threats to our fragile rivers, and put your efforts into true protection of these ecosystems. I know I do, as a paddler and a citizen.

Sincerely, Benjamin Goode