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Subject: Land Rights

Chattooga Wild & Scenic River Comment Questionnaire

Comments For The Record –U.S. Forest Service – Chattooga W & S River Management Plan

To: U.S. Forest Service, Chattooga W & S River Management Planning Process

Below are my concerns and comments regarding the Chattooga W & S River.

These are my comments regarding the Chattooga W & S River. Please include them in the official record of the Chattooga W & S River Management Plan. Please consider a photocopy as valid as the original.

Signature \_\_\_\_Jan Slama\_\_\_\_\_

Print Your Name \_\_\_\_Jan Slama\_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Forest Service,

A rogue access lobby has been pressuring the Forest Service to ignore property rights and ownership boundaries when setting recreational policy for the Wild and Scenic Chattooga River. If land management agencies can ignore property boundaries and land rights in order to placate special-interest-lobbies along the Chattooga, they can easily ignore MY rights!

Whether public trespass or nuisance, land management agencies cannot and MUST NOT simply establish a public recreational policy that will have a detrimental impact on private landowners; these indirect impacts must be transparently documented under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Thank you for your attention to this.

Sincerely,



Jan Slama

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-----Please circle or otherwise mark your answer and return by e-mail, fax or by US Mail. Your personal comments make this document more valuable. So be sure to fill in using your own words the blank space below where the Agree-Disagree statements are listed below. You can borrow from the statements to write in your own statements.

1) The Forest Service should document the direct and indirect affects that unlimited recreation would have on both public and private lands along the Chattooga River as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). USFS policy should not encourage trespassing.

\* I Agree

2) The Forest Service should recognize the boundaries between private and public lands, especially those already documented to Congress during the Wild and Scenic Designation process.

\* I Agree

3) The Forest Service should work with Landowner when setting management policy; they should not simply ignore private property rights. Vague references to private lands are insufficient.

\* I Agree

4) The USFS should either avoid including private lands within designated Forests, and Wild and Scenic Rivers, or clarify that designation does not affect property rights. Special land designation that imply public use of private lands are unconstitutional.

\* I Agree

5) Ask the USFS to avoid being pressured by self-serving special interest lobbies seeking to turn private lands into their own playgrounds at the expense of taxpaying landowners. *Please!*

\* I Agree

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