

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
4931 Broad River Road, Columbia, S.C. 29212.

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

Please include them in the official record of
the Chattooga W & S River Management Plan.

Signature Larry Q. Hutchins

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1) The Forest Service is bound by the same laws as private citizens and its mission is to treat all users fairly. Therefore 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 confirm private property rights NOT encourage trespassing.

2) A great deal of effort on many folks part has been put into establishing boundaries between public and private lands. 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. To ignore those boundaries borders on criminal behavior that is not worthy of a government agency. Special land designations that imply public use of private lands are unconstitutional.

3) The Forest Service should make sure that all information is clear as to private vs public land boundaries when setting up certain forest designations or Wild and Scenic River areas. The public should be warned that trespass laws apply and will be enforced.

4) The Forest Service should aggressively defend Inholders rights in court cases and not merely roll over when some aggressive access organization launches an effort to erode private property rights.

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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.

Agree.....Disagree.....No Opinion

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.

Agree.....Disagree.....No Opinion

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.

Agree.....Disagree.....No Opinion

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.

Agree.....Disagree.....No Opinion

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.

Agree.....Disagree.....No Opinion

I believe private land rights should be protected to their fullest degree. No one should have the power to take away land that people work for and protect. I especially disagree with any taking of land for the purpose of profit by any private company or corporation. Please stand up for private land rights of others as some day it could be your family land at stake.

Thank you for your time

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