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September 12, 2007

VIA EMAIL: comments-southern-francismarion-sumter@fs.fed.us

Mr. John Cleeves
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Columbia, SC 29212-3530

Re: Addition of prior comments to current NEPA record – Package 2
Official Comments on August 24, 2007 “NEPA Scoping Package”
Upper Chattooga River Management

Dear Mr. Cleeves,

American Whitewater (AW) submits this public comment in response to the August 14, 2007 Scoping Package of Alternatives for management of the Upper Chattooga River above Highway 28. AW has been one of the most active stakeholders in the management of the upper Chattooga River for more than a decade. This comment, along with all of American Whitewater’s other timely comments are to be included as part of the official NEPA record in this matter.

Please include the following comments into the current NEPA record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Don Kinser". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Don" and last name "Kinser" clearly legible.

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CC: Mark Singleton, AW
Sutton Bacon, AW
Kevin Colburn, AW
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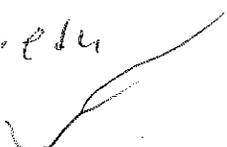
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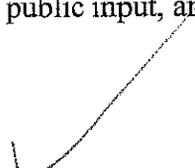
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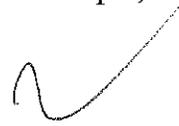
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Chattooga Help More Urgent Than Ever

November 7, 2001

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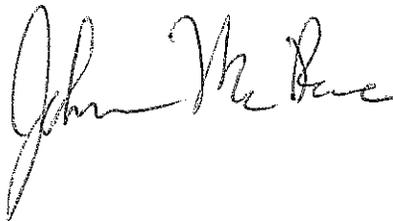
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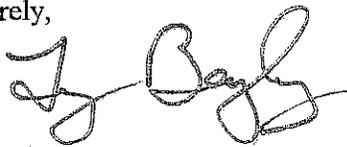
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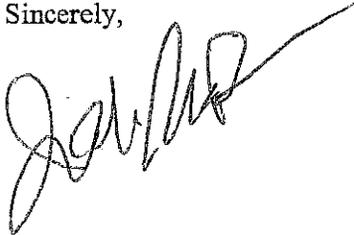
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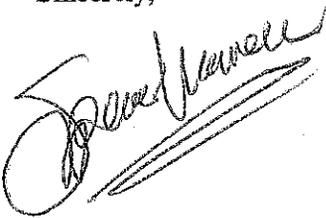
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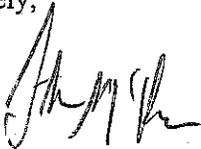
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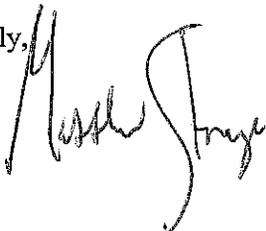
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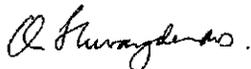
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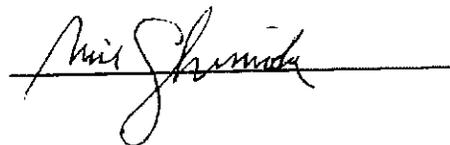
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Subject: Chatooga access

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Mr. Mike Crane
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Re: Chattooga W&S River - Pending EA for Amendment 14

Dear Mr. Crane,

This is not a formula letter, though it began as one: please read it so that my true input can be considered and counted.

I am a private boater, a former Chattooga guide/TL/safety boater/trainer, and an AW member with my own brain. I urge you to include an alternative in the upcoming Chattooga River Environmental Assessment that:

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2. Makes Water Quality a management **priority**. We've made progress with Stekoah, now let's deal with the issues higher in the drainage, and get the USFS involved in monitoring and acting to improve water quality. No more sneaky driving logging trucks across creeks, please.
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4. Monitors the impacts of commercial groups with an eye to further reducing their impact on the resource and on other paddlers. *I believe the Chattooga management plan (and the fact that it is actually implemented and enforced) has minimized commercial impacts better than any other river that I had worked/played on.* Keep up the good work, and **stay proactive** to be a good example for other river managers. GOOD JOB!!

Please include my new address (and delete all the old ones) on your mail list.

Thanks for your patience and consideration,

Teresa Gryder
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cc:

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PLEASE HELP PRESERVE ACCESS TO THIS TREASURE!

770.956.7003
 Affn: DON KINSER

DON, GOOD TO MEET YOU @ TALLMANS THIS WEEKEND.
 GOOD LUCK WITH THIS. I FAXED IT TO JEROME
 & MIKE @ THEIR RESPECTIVE NUMBERS.

GOOD LUCK

[Signature]



November 7, 2001

RUSH -- VIA TELECOPY 864-638-2659

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Re: Wild and Scenic Chattooga River – Pending EA for Amendment 14

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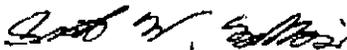
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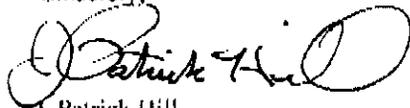
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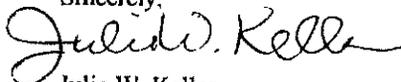
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Sincerely,



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Kinser, Don

From: Jason Robertson [Jason@AMWhitewater.org]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2001 12:31 PM
To: Todd McMillen
Cc: Don Kinser (E-mail)
Subject: RE: Chattooga River - Pending EA for Amendment 14

Thanks Todd,
Jason

Jason Robertson
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-----Original Message-----

From: Todd McMillen [mailto:toddmcm@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2001 11:43 AM
To: mcrane@fs.fed.us
Cc: Jason Robertson
Subject: Chattooga River - Pending EA for Amendment 14

Dear Mr. Crane,

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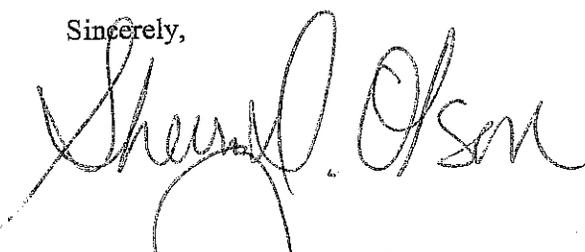
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We can be effective and more parties will be able to enjoy this Natural Resource

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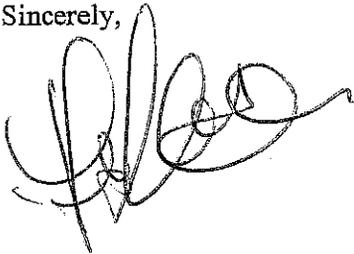
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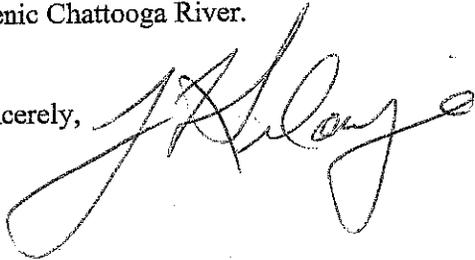
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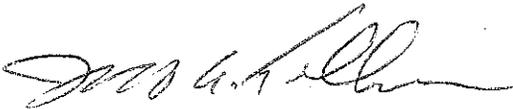
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Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information regarding this matter. Now is the time to act and I need your help!

Respectfully,

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