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September 12, 2007

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

Mr. John Cleeves
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Re: Addition of prior comments to current NEPA record – Package 3
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 a large initial "D" and "K".

Donald E. Kinser, PE
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CC: Mark Singleton, AW
Sutton Bacon, AW
Kevin Colburn, AW
Brian Jacobson, AW Chattooga Volunteer
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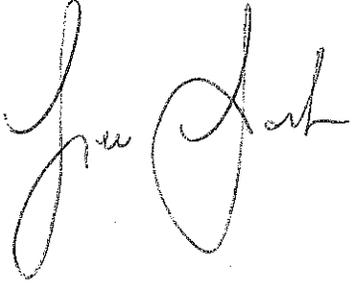
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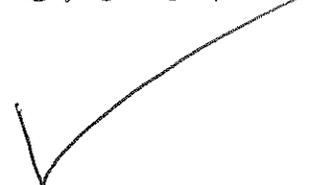
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Michael B. Crane
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Andrew Pickens Ranger District
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Reference your letter of August 10, 2001 pertaining to Amendment 14 to the Sumter NF Land and Resource Management Plan.

Dear Mike,

I am sure you have seen or heard several of my comments dealing with boating on the Chattooga River but I would like to restate some of them to be included in your decision making process.

No boating of any kind above highway 28. The original regulations were developed to provide hikers, fishermen, and other users a portion of the river to enjoy without the carnival effect created by boaters below highway 28. Safety; boating use above highway 28 have left torn up canoes in that section of the river where regulations prohibited their use. Let's face facts, if boating is permitted on a limited basis, the Forest Service does not have personnel, monies or commitment to control use. Section 5 of the river provides boaters opportunities to challenge their skill without invading this portion of the river. Previous Rangers and I for 14 years were committed to keeping the river above highway 28 free of boats. Please stand firm on protecting this portion of the river free from boating. Fishermen (includes women) in both Georgia and South Carolina who have been long term supporters of the Forest Service will react strongly if their trust is violated.

Keep the total number trips and users for boating below highway 28 the same. It is essential that boating use be contained to provide boaters experiences that are somewhat primitive. Knowing that reducing use (my preference) is nearly impossible, I would hope the use is not expanded. New type of watercraft (rubber duckies) can be included if other watercraft use is reduced. By controlling the number of trips and users should provide opportunities for different users. Outfitters need the same type of control as private boaters. They have a record of trying to expand their businesses (which is normal and understandable) but your role should be to provide balance to the boating public, not profits for outfitters.

The Chattooga River is the jewel of South Carolina rivers recreation experiences. I know with dedicated employees like yourself that it can be protected and enhanced. Pressures will be put on you to yield to increase use. The decisions you make now will have a lasting effect on this beautiful river.

I have not been to the Chattooga this year because of health problems but hope to hit the stream when weather cools down and water levels improve.

My best wishes to you and your staff in managing the AP District.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Don", written in black ink.

Donald W. Eng

Kinser, Don

From: Tom McCormick [tommcc@g-net.net]
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To: dkinser@ediltd.com; jason@amwhitewater.org; jthomas@fs.fed.us; mcrane@fs.fed.us
Subject: Chattooga River

I am in agreement with the information below concerning the Chattooga River (GA). Many of my friends, my wife & myself have enjoyed paddling the Chattooga for many years. Very seldom do we take the time & effort to voice an opinion on a matter like this, but I feel that this a time when the private boaters should be taken into consideration as much as the companies who take time to voice there opinion, because it could have an effect on there profit. Lets keep this a place where People have an opportunity to discover what the great outdoors is like on there on, along with the commercial outfitters. Keeping in mind that many private boaters do not have the advantage of planning far in advance when they can go boating.

American Whitewater wants the Forest Service to 1) allow private, non-commercial boating above Highway 28; 2) impose limits to the proposed increases in commercial use on Sections 3 and 4 if it impacts non-commercial access; and 3) make water quality a priority throughout the watershed.

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I want you to know that I appreciate all the work you do to save and protect out rivers and natural areas. It is important that we continue this effort.

It does bother me that the Chattooga has so many commercial outfitter boaters and is or may be restricted to private boaters. I would like to have the opportunity to canoe the upper Chattooga river on occasion. Persons like me would also help clean and protect the river. Thank you for listening to my comments. Walter Howard.



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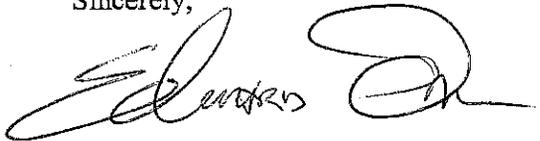
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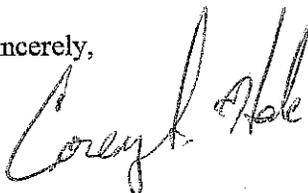
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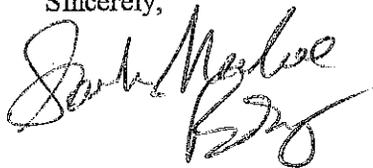
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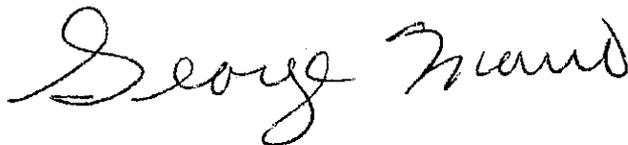


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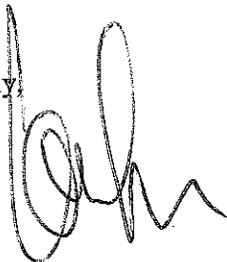
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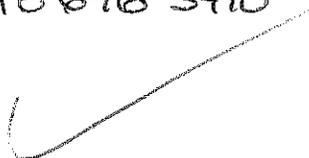
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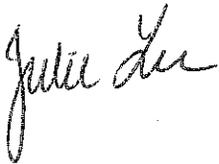
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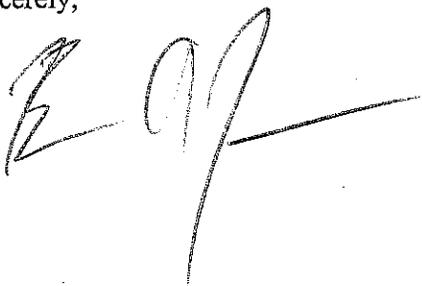
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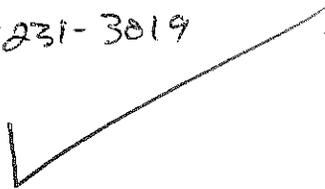
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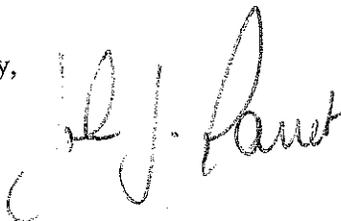
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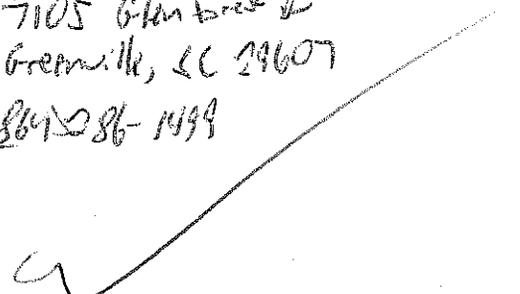
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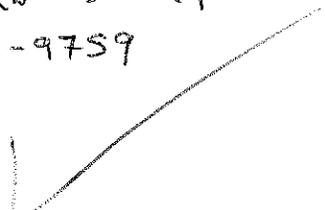
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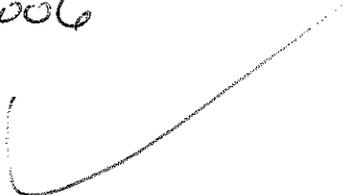
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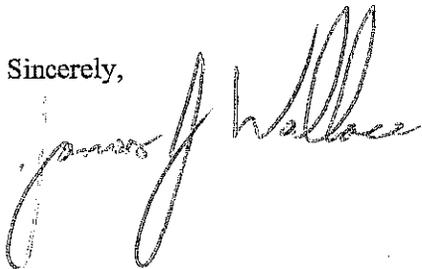
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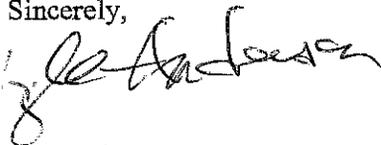
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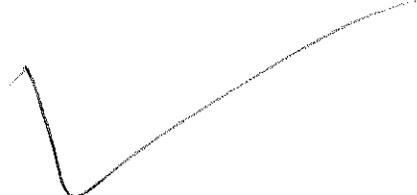
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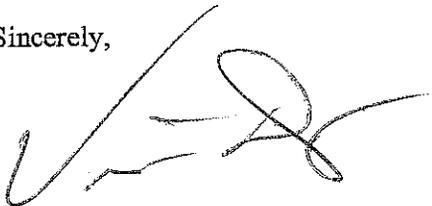
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Re: Wild and Scenic Chattooga River – Pending EA for Amendment 14

Mr. Crane,

I am a private whitewater boater and I support American Whitewater. I officially request that you include an alternative in the upcoming Chattooga River Environmental Assessment that:

- (A) Allows private, non-commercial boating on the Chattooga River above highway 28,
- (B) Reduces the impact of commercial rafting use on Sections III and IV of the Chattooga,
- (C) Makes water quality a management priority throughout the Chattooga watershed and
- (D) Includes language that allows private boating use to increase over time with increased demand.

These four requests are more than reasonable, apply to a large public constituency, and are completely consistent with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and current US Forest Service regulations regarding management of the Chattooga River. Furthermore floating above Highway 28 was originally intended by the 1971 Chattooga Wild and Scenic River study document.

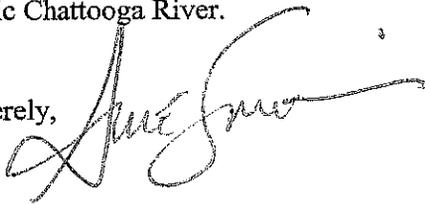
NEPA requires that the agency develop a "range of alternatives that responds to public needs." You have received hundreds of comments from private boaters like me regarding these issues. I believe that a management plan that addresses the four needs listed above will improve the conditions of the Chattooga River and will allow the public to benefit from using resources they are entitled to use.

Exclusive use of a public resource by a particular group, in the case of fishing on the headwaters and commercial rafting on the lower sections is inconsistent with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and US Forest Service management policies in general. Activities that damage and degrade the resources, such as pollution from Stekoa Creek and too much commercial rafting, are clearly in violation of Federal Law and are not consistent with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

As the lead agency responsible for management of the Wild and Scenic Chattooga River it is clearly your responsibility to respond to public requests and take actions necessary to "protect and enhance" the quality of the Chattooga River. An alternative that addresses the four items above does both.

Please include my name on your mailing list to be notified of agency plans that may affect the Wild and Scenic Chattooga River.

Sincerely,



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