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Comments: We are profoundly disappointed in the lack of sensitivity this plan has toward one of our nation's most biologically diverse, old growth forests. When then Governor Jimmy Carter and other advocates were successful in securing the designation for the Chattooga as the first waterway east of the Mississippi to be a "Wild and Scenic River, they accelerated a growing appreciation for the importance of this area environmentally as well as in terms of tourism. There seems to be very little that has been made public that justifies the proposed action or explains the reasoning that led to it.

As a 40 year citizen of Rabun County and a frequent visitor to the river and its many tributaries for recreational purposes, I strongly discourage this action which will have an irreversible impact on the entire watershed. Thank you.