



The Chattooga River needs your Comments!

Dear boater,

Please take a few moments and help the Chattooga River. Use this outline and complete the attached letter in your own words why you support AW's position regarding the Chattooga River. Your official comments regarding the revision of the Forest Management Plan for the Sumter Forest and the Chattooga River Management area are due by June 21, 2003. The form is pre-addressed and if you hand it back to an AW volunteer we will even spring for the postage. Of course you drop it in a mail box by the deadline. Take a few home for your friends.

The bulleted items are in priority order. Thank you for your time and support.

- Thank the Forest Service for including boating above Hwy 28 among the many alternatives considered in the DEIS.
- State your agreement with AW's position regarding the DEIS and Amendment 14
- State a few reasons how the Chattooga River has impacted your life as a boater. Try to show an emotional importance to your experiences on the Chattooga and how the river plays an important role in your life.
- Ask for year round boating access from NC 1107 (Grimshawes Bridge) to Hwy 28.
- You sympathize with the back country angler's and do not believe that wade fishing is safe during times we could boat. Furthermore our presence is so short time there would be little or no impact on the solitude of those bank fishing.
- State general agreement with Alternative I modified to include year around boating access to the headwaters as in stated in Alternative E.
- Choose to mention a few of the following issues as you see fit in your post card – show you care about the whole forest:

Increase in Wilderness and Wilderness study areas. + Increase roadless areas and promote water shed restoration, + expanded riparian corridors, + conservative timber management, + protection of rare communities, + better water quality, + expand wild and scenic designations, + management for old growth and specific forest habitats. + Promote Black bear management areas. + Promote trout stocking and fishing programs below Hwy 28. + No guided inflatable kayak trips should be allowed below Hwy 76.

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RE: Official Comments regarding the DEIS for the Proposed Sumter LRMP

Signed

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