

## The Chattooga River needs You!

Dear boater,

If you can make it to the April 8 Public meeting in Clemson (see reverse) by all means do so! We think this is a key opportunity to let the USFS know what you think and ask them questions about the management of the Chattooga River.

The key phrase for our meeting attendance is respectful dialogue. Theatrics and emotional displays at the meeting won't help our cause. Use this outline to guide your discussion with USFS staff and to craft comments in your own words why you support AW's position regarding the Chattooga River.

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.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

## Sumter National Forest Draft Plan Release

Time: 3:30—8 p.m.

Want to learn about the draft long-term plan to manage the Sumter National Forest? Come to a meeting and provide your comments.

April 8
Ramada Inn
US Highways 76 and 123
Clemson, South Carolina

Detailed directions are available at www.the.ramada.com/clemson01199/locationdirections/



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