

## **APPENDIX D**

# **WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS**

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The Wild and Scenic Rivers (WSR) Act of 1968 established the National WSR System. The Rivers analyzed in this Appendix are being assessed, through the Forest planning process, as being suitable for designation as part of the National WSR System. The rivers were identified by nomination by the public, by aquatic professionals, and by the Forest's Ranger Districts. Eighty-eight streams were suggested in the beginning. (See FSH 1909.12 – Land and Resource Management Planning Handbook, Chapter 8 – Wild and Scenic River Evaluation.)

Table D- 1. Rivers Suggested for WSR Evaluation

District	ID	River	Quads
Armuchee	5/8/96		
	1100	Armuchee Creek (East)	Sugar Valley, Subligna
	1200	Johns Creek	Sugar Valley
	1300	Swamp Creek	Villanow
Brasstown	1400	Stover Creek	Villanow
	4100	Cooper Creek	Mulky Gap, Coosa Bald, Gap
	4110	Sea Creek	Mulky Gap
	4200	Dicks Creek/Blood Mountain Creek	Neels Gap
	4210	Mulky Creek (Toccoa)	Mulky Gap
	4300	Nottely River	Most on Private Land
	4310	West Wolf Creek	Coosa Bald
	4320	Wolf Creek	Coosa Bald
	4400	Hiwassee River	Most on Private Land
	4411	Swallow Creek (Hiwassee)	Macedonia
	4411a	Dismal Creek (Hiwassee)	Macedonia
	4420	Cynth Creek (Hiwassee)	Macedonia
	4431	Silas Branch (Hiwassee)	Tray Mountain
	4440	Corbin Creek (Hiwassee)	Tray Mountain
	4441	Brier Creek (Hiwassee)	Tray Mountain
4450	High Shoals Creek (Hiwassee)	Tray Mountain	
Chattooga.	4/18/96		
	6100	Chattahoochee River	Jacks Gap, Cowrock
	6110	Henson Creek (Chattahoochee)	Jacks Gap
	6120	Jasus Creek (Chattahoochee)	Jacks Gap
	6130	Low Gap (Chattahoochee)	Jacks Gap
	6131	England Camp (Chattahoochee)	Jacks Gap
	6140	Dukes Creek (Chattahoochee)	Cowrock
	6141	Bear Den Creek (Chattahoochee)	Cowrock
	6142	Dodd Creek	Cowrock
	6150	Spoilcane Creek	Jacks Gap, Helen, Tray Mountain
	6160	Smith Creek	Helen, Tray Mountain
	6200	Chestatee River	Most on Private Land
	6300	Middle Fork Broad River	Ayersville, Lake Russell
	6400	Panther Creek	Tallulah Falls, Tugaloo L:
	6410	Davidson Creek	Tallulah Falls, Tugaloo L:
	6500	Soque River	Most on Private Land
	6510	Goshen Creek (Mid, North, & Wolfpen)	Lake Burton, Tray Mount
Cohutta	7100	Conasauga River	Hemp Top, Tennga, Dyer
	7120	Jigger Creek	Hemp Top, Tennga
	7200	Jacks River	Hemp Top, Dyer Gap
	7300	Mill Creek	Tennga, Crandall
	7310	Cohorn Branch	Crandall
	7400	Sumac Creek	Tennga
	7500	Holly Creek	Crandall
	7510	Emery Creek	Crandall
	7600	Rock Creek	Ramhurst
	7700	Mountaintown Creek	Dyer Gap

Table D- 1, continued. Rivers Suggested for WSR Evaluation

District	ID	River	Quads
Oconee	8100	Apalachee Creek	Greshamville, Apalachee
	8200	Cedar Creek & Big Cedar Creek	Stanfordville, Resseaus Crossroads, Hillsboro
	8210	Rock Creek	Stanfordville, Resseaus Crossroads
	8300	Little River	Eatonton, Rock Eagle, Shady Dale
	8400	Murder Creek	Smithboro, Eatonton
	8500	Ocmulgee River	Lloyd Shoals, Berner, Dames Ferry
	8510	Wise Creek	Berner, Lloyd Shoals
	8520	Falling Creek (tributary of Ocmulgee River)	Dames Ferry
	8600	Oconee River	Barnett Shoals, Greshamville
	8610	Greenbrier Creek	Greshamville
	8620	Fishing Creek	Greshamville, Penfield
	8630	Falling Creek (tributary of Oconee River)	Greshamville
	Tallulah	5110	Popcorn Creek
5120		Dicks Creek	Hightower Bald, Lake Burton
5130		Tuckaluge Creek	Rabun Bald
5140		Wildcat Creek	Lake Burton, Tray Mountain
5200		Tallulah River	Hightower Bald
5210		Charlies Creek (Tallulah)	Hightower Bald
5220		Coleman River	Hightower Bald
5300		Sarah's Creeks/Warwoman Creek	Rabun Bald
5330		Moccasin Creek	Lake Burton
5410		Holcomb Creek (West Fork Chattooga)	Satolah, Rabun Bald
5411		Emory Creek (West Fork Chattooga)	Rabun Bald
5420		Overflow Creek (West Fork Chattooga)	Satolah
5421		Clear Creek (West Fork Chattooga)	Satolah
5430		Big Creek (West Fork Chattooga)	Satolah
5500		Reed/Hedden/Ridley Creeks	Satolah
5600		Lick Log Creek	Rainy Mountain
5700		Cliff Creek	Rainy Mountain, Tiger
Toccoa	2100	Etowah River	Suches, Campbell Mountain
	2110	Nimblewill Creek	Campbell Mountain
	2120	Jones Creek	Nimblewill
	2121	Lance Creek (Jones)	Nimblewill
	2130	Montgomery Creek	Noontootla, Campbell Mountain
	2200	Toccoa River	50% on Private Land/50% on National Forest Land
	2210	Noontootla Creek	Noontootla
	2211	Chester Creek (Noontootla)	Noontootla
	2211a	Frick Creek (Chester)	Noontootla
	2212	Lovinggood (Noontootla)	Noontootla
	2213	Long Creek	Noontootla
	2220	Rock Creek	Noontootla
	2300	Cartacay & Anderson Creeks	Tickanetley
	2400	Amicalola Creek	Most on Private Land
	2500	Cochrans Creek	Nimblewill
	2600	Fightingtown Creek	Cashes Valley
	2700	Turniptown Creek	Tickanetley
	2230	Canada Creek	Suches

After conducting a forestwide analysis of streams (both Oconee and Chattahoochee), the list of eligible streams was developed.

On the Oconee NF, the eligible Piedmont section streams are:

1. Ocmulgee River – 11.1 miles.
2. Murder Creek – 10.7 miles.
3. Little river – 9.7 miles.
4. Falling Creek (Ocmulgee watershed) – 6.6 miles.
5. Cedar Creek – 9.1 miles.
6. Oconee River – 8.5 miles.

On the Chattahoochee NF, the eligible Blue Ridge section streams are:

1. Overflow Creek – extension of the existing West Fork of the Chattooga River WSR, 3.0 miles (Tallulah Ranger District).
2. Panther Creek/Davidson Creek – 8.0 miles Panther, 4.5 for Davidson that flows into Panther. (Chattooga Ranger District).
3. Tallulah River/Coleman River – 5.5 for Tallulah, and 5.0 for Coleman. (Tallulah Ranger District).
4. Chattahoochee River – 8.0 miles (Chattooga Ranger District).
5. Toccoa River – 12.9 miles (Toccoa Ranger District).
6. Conasauga River/Jacks River – 13 miles for Conasauga within the Chattahoochee NF, and 5 miles within the Cherokee NF. The Jacks River flows into the Conasauga and is 14 miles (Armuchee-Cohutta Ranger District).
7. Dukes/Dodd/Davis Creeks – 4.2 miles (Chattooga Ranger District).
8. Cooper Creek – 11.7 miles (Brasstown Ranger District).
9. Cochran's Creek – 3.7 miles (Toccoa Ranger District).
10. Left Fork Soquee – 6.2 miles (Chattooga Ranger District).
11. Corbin Creek – 2.9 miles (Brasstown Ranger District).
12. High Shoals Creek – 2.75 miles (Brasstown Ranger District).
13. Canada Creek – 1.6 miles (Toccoa Ranger District).
14. Moccasin Creek – 5 miles (Tallulah Ranger District).

Of the 25 eligible streams, all were studied for suitability for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System. The streams on the Oconee are located within the Georgia Piedmont Eco-region. The streams on the Chattahoochee are located within the Georgia Blue Ridge Eco-region.

**Table D- 2. Streams Found to be Eligible and Suitable**

Streams Suitable for Study	Federal Miles	Corridor Study Acres
OCONEE NF		
Ocmulgee River	11.1	2141
Little River	9.7	2096
CHATTAHOOCHEE NF		
Overflow Creek	3	960
Chattahoochee River	8	2144
Tallulah/Coleman Rivers	5.5/5.0	1760/458
*Conasauga/Jacks Rivers	13/14	896/160

*\*Does not include miles/acres on the Cherokee NF*

The Forest Service may recommend for further study all, part or none of the Study Rivers. The principal purpose of a recommendation would be to protect the river and its outstandingly remarkable values. Those rivers not recommended would be managed according to the 4.H. management prescription ‘Chattahoochee-Oconee outstandingly remarkable rivers.’ This allocation will protect the outstandingly remarkable values of the eligible and suitable streams.

Once the Plan is approved, any stream recommended for further study for inclusion into WSR, are subject to further review and possible modification by the Chief of the Forest Service, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the President of the United States.

**Eligibility forms follow. These are to be used in conjunction with the ‘recommended for further study of suitability’ findings.**

**ARMUCHEE/COHUTTA RANGER DISTRICT****Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Armuchee Creek (East) ID Number: 1100  
 Ranger District: Armuchee Quad(s): Sugar Valley, Subligna

Segment: From point stream forest enters NF land, to point where it leaves NF land

Segment Miles 8.2  
 NF Ownership 5.1  
 Private Lands 3.1  
 Mixed Ownership \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Lands (DNR) \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:</b> Typical stream for Ridge and Valley; not outstandingly remarkable; no further consideration. 2/4/97 moc/jjp</p>
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Average width is from 30 to 40 feet. Water flows year-round. General forest type is pine, with young hardwood in beetle-killed areas. Private land is in pasture. There is a sod (grass) farm north of the Government land. Heavy silt load. Ridge and Valley criteria and Blue Ridge criteria were considered (interpolated) for this streams evaluation.

**SCENIC VALUES**

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class B) – slope is from 5 to 25 percent along most of the creek; some rocky bluffs

**Vegetation:** (class B) – some variation in vegetation; trees fall in a lot

**Water Features:** (class B/C) – water is generally slow and sluggish, although there are some ripple areas in places-compared to Johns Creek: very typical

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span or Attraction:** (class C) – main use of the creek is for fishing and dispersed camping. There is some swimming use. Typical users are from the local area. Not as wide of appeal as Johns Creek

**Water Sports:** (class C) – water is not floatable

**Fishing:** (class B) – the creek is a warmwater fisheries; it is not stocked. Accessibility is limited. Redeye bass and rock bass occur

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – common to the section

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – no remarkable occurrences

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class B) – blue shiner occurs downstream; mussels, many fish and aquatic species, no T&E in the evaluated NF segment

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class B) – area has not been surveyed, although it appears to be ecologically attractive. There are some large-flowered skullcap (*Scutellaria montana*), but these were transplanted into the area. There are occurrences of broadleaf phlox (*Phlox amplifolia*) (not a Federal PET or FS R8 sensitive species)

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – no known sites

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Johns Creek ID Number: 1200  
 Ranger District: Armuchee Quad(s): Sugar Valley

Segment: From source to main area of private land (at the management area sign)

Segment Miles	<u>5.15</u>
NF Ownership	<u>2.55</u>
Private Lands	<u>0.3</u>
Mixed Ownership	<u>        </u>
State Lands (DNR)	<u>2.3</u>

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Above average stream, scenic/recreation could be an outstandingly remarkable value. Could be considered further with support or considered for a forest WSR designation. 2/4/97 moc/iip

Average stream width is 3 feet at beginning, widening to 25 to 30 feet at other end where stream leaves NF/DNR land (influence). Water flows year-round. Clean water flows from spring at Pocket Recreation Area.

General forest type is planted southern yellow pine in the northern DNR area (Walker County), then hardwood through the southern DNR block. Keown Falls Scenic Area is in the vicinity and is where analysis begins.

This stream was evaluated both with Ridge and Valley criteria and Blue Ridge criteria (interpolated).

**SCENIC VALUES**

- Adjacent Landforms:** (class A in southern portion) – northern section has mostly gentle slopes from zero to 30 degrees; in the south DNR area, slopes are more steep (greater than 30 degrees), with heavy rock boulders
- Vegetation:** (class B) – northern section has some variation in vegetation among regenerated pine. Southern section has more hardwood that surrounding area, but trees are not large
- Water Features:** (class B) – has 30-foot falls, which go dry frequently in summer. Northern section is typical channel and flow; some beaver ponds. Southern section has cascades in the southern DNR block

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

- Span of Attraction:** (class B) – there is heavy dispersed recreation use south of the DNR game checking station. Very heavy fishing use south of the Pocket Recreation Area. Users are mostly local, with others coming from the Atlanta and Chattanooga area
- Water Sports:** (class C) – water is not suitable for boating; water recreation consists of swimming and wading
- Fishing:** (class C) – stocked south of the Pocket Recreation Area; lots of fish taken

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – common to the section

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – no remarkable occurrences (DNR has landownership)

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – a put-and-take stocked fishing stream

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class B) – some occurrences of yellow lady's slipper (*Cypripedium calceolus*)

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class B) – there is an historic house site (not eligible for National Register of Historic Places). Pocket Recreation Area was once a CCC Camp



**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Swamp Creek ID Number: 1300  
 Ranger District: Armuchee Quad(s): Villanow

Segment: From source to confluence with Stover Creek

Segment Miles	<u>4.7</u>	<b>ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:</b> Stream is above average for Ridge and Valley but is small and could possibly not withstand added impact WSR would give; no outstandingly remarkable features but could be considered with support for WSR eligibility; could be considered for a forest WSR designation. 2/4/97 moc/jjp
NF Ownership	<u>3.8</u>	
Private Lands	<u>0.9</u>	
Mixed Ownership	<u>          </u>	
State Lands (DNR)	<u>          </u>	

Stream width at source averages between 4-5 feet, tapering to 20 feet at lower end of Government land. In summer, upper end will have low flow volume. General forest type is hardwood. Pines have been killed by southern pine beetle. Private land has been clearcut in Redwine Cove area. Stream is in the Rocky Face area.

Stream evaluated with both the Ridge and Valley and Blue Ridge criteria (interpolated).

**SCENIC VALUES**

- Adjacent Landforms:** (class B+) – steep side slopes; scattered surface ground rock
- Vegetation:** (class B) – in an area of contiguous forest, not much management has occurred. There are some large trees
- Water Features:** (class B) – there is a rock chute (near end of road); some rocks of larger diameter (12 inches); some cascades; similar to Johns Creek

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

- Span or Attraction:** (class C) – hunting and wading are the primary recreation uses. Typical users are local from a 60-mile radius.
- Water Sports:** (class C) – none other than sliding in the chute
- Fishing:** (class C) – not stocked; stream too small for catchables

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – no outstanding feature

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – no remarkable occurrences

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class B) – many species, none are T&E

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – nothing remarkable

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – ten non-significant sites

### Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests

Name of Stream: Stover Creek ID Number: 1400  
Ranger District: Armuchee Quad(s): Villanow

Segment: From source to confluence with Swamp Creek

Segment Miles	<u>3.2</u>
NF Ownership	<u>2.2</u>
Private Lands	<u>1.0</u>
Mixed Ownership	<u>          </u>
State Lands (DNR)	<u>          </u>

<p><b>ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:</b> Very small and typical of Ridge and Valley streams; goes dry or underground certain times of year. Should not be considered for further consideration; no outstandingly remarkable values. 2/4/97 moc/jjp</p>
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Habitat Creek averages 6 feet wide. Water does not always flow year-round; at places goes underground. General forest type is pine/hardwood. Evaluated with both the Ridge and Valley and Blue Ridge criteria. Used Swamp and Johns Creeks as local comparisons.

#### SCENIC VALUES

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class B) - area is not really clifflike; there are no rock outcroppings

**Vegetation:** (class B) - there is some variety in vegetation patterns

**Water Features:** (class C) - creek and side branches are typical of the area. The flow rate is relatively small

#### RECREATIONAL VALUES

**Span or Attraction:** (class C) - recreation use is for hiking and hunting in the area. There is no fishing. Typical users are local

**Water Sports:** (class C) - no water sports

**Fishing:** (class C) - little, if any

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) - none

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) - no remarkable occurrences

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) - no T&E

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) - in the corridor, there are occurrences of yellow lady's slipper (*Cypripedium calceolus*) and broadleaf phlox (*Phlox amplifolia*) (not a Federal PET or FS R8 sensitive species)

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) - no significant sites

**Fisheries Survey on Armuchee District**  
**Forest Fisheries Biologist, Mitzi Cole**  
(Mussel survey also was done at this site by I. McDougal.)

Location: East Armuchee Creek

Drainage: Oostanaula River/Coosa

Date: May 18, 1995

Collectors: K. Wootser and others, M. Cole and L. McDougal

Locale: Chattooga County, Georgia near the Floyd County line. At the dead end of a dirt road near Fisher's Chapel, southeast of Subligna.

Purpose of survey: Proposed timber sale with road crossing over the stream at the end of this dirt road.

Sample method: Backpack electro-shocker

Sampled: 100 meters of stream

Stream characteristics in this 100-meter section were:

- 1) Maximum depth: 5 feet; minimum depth: 2 in
- 2) Maximum width: 30 feet; minimum width: 10 feet
- 3) Substrate: 70% clay/mud; 20% cobble; 5% gravel
- 4) Habitat Type: 95% pools; 5% riffle
- 5) Aquatic Vegetation: water willow (*Justicea americana*)
- 6) Flow: slow
- 7) Structure: 3% woody debris; 1% undercut banks; < 1% white water
- 8) Channel: low gradient
- 9) Continuity: stream was not broken by dry pockets
- 10) Fishing: yes
- 11) Bank stability: 85% stable with good cover
- 12) Streamside: The streamside zone is stable with good cover of mature trees with a minimum of a 100-foot width on either side of the stream.

Fish Collected:

Banded sculpin - *Cottus carolina*  
Northern hog sucker - *Hypentilium nigricans*  
Creek chub - *Semotilus atromaculatus*  
Redeye bass - *Micropterus coosae*  
Central stoneroller - *Campostoma anomalum*  
Green sunfish - *Lepomis cyanellus*  
Striped shiner - *Luxilus chrysocephalus*  
Blackbanded darter - *Percina nigrofasciata*  
Mobile logperch - *Percina (Percina) sp.*  
Southern studfish - *Fundulus stellifer*  
Rainbow shiner - *Notropis chrosomus*  
Tricolor shiner - *Cyprinella trichroistia*  
Riffle minnow - *Phenacobius catostomus*  
Coosa darter - *Etheostoma coosae*  
Greenbreast darter - *Etheostoma jordani*  
Speckled darter - *Etheostoma stigmaeum*

Note: Heavy loads of silt. Pools are 0.5 miles average length; riffles average 20 feet long.

Recommendations: Determine non-point sources of sediments. Addition of woody debris at this site would improve the for aquatic organisms.

Stream: East Armuchee Creek

Drainage: Oostanaula River/Coosa

Date: May 18, 1995

Collectors: M. Cole, L. McDougal, K. Wooster and others

MUSSEL SURVEY ALSO DONE AT THIS SITE

Survey Site: Walker County, Georgia. West of Keown Falls picnic area (other side of John's Mountain). Approximately 1.5 miles north of the Walker/Chattooga County line.

Sample method: Backpack electro-shocker

Sampled: 100 meters of stream.

Stream characteristics in this section were:

- 1) Maximum depth: 4 feet; minimum depth: 2 in
- 2) Maximum width: 15 feet; minimum width: 7 feet
- 3) Substrate: 50% cobble; 40% gravel; 10% sand
- 4) Habitat Type: 60% pools; 40% riffle
- 5) Aquatic Vegetation: none
- 6) Flow: moderate
- 7) Structure: 1% white water; 1% woody debris
- 8) Channel: moderate gradient
- 9) Continuity: Stream was not broken by dry pockets
- 10) Fishing: yes
- 11) Bank stability: 90% stable
- 12) Streamside: The streamside zone is stable with good cover of mature trees with a minimum of a 50-foot width on either side of the stream.

Fish Collected:

Banded sculpin - *Cottus carolina*  
Northern hog sucker - *Hypentilium nigricans*  
Creek chub - *Semotilus atromaculatus*  
Redeye bass - *Micropterus coosae*  
Central stoneroller - *Campostoma anomalum*  
Green sunfish - *Lepomis cyanellus*  
Striped shiner - *Luxilus chrysocephalus*  
Mobile logperch - *Percina (Percina) sp.*  
Coosa shiner - *Notropis xaenocephalus*  
Tricolor shiner - *Cyprinella trichroistia*  
Blackbanded darter - *Percina nigrofasciata*  
Coosa darter - *Etheostoma cossae*  
Greenbreast darter - *Etheostoma jordani*  
Riffle minnow - *Phenacobius catostomus*  
Black redhorse - *Moxostoma duguesnei*

Note: Fish structures (approximately 10) are along the sides of the stream. These structures provide a healthy pool-to-riffle ratio (1:1). Crayfish were abundant.

Stream: West Armuchee Creek

Drainage: Oostanaula/Coosa

Date: May 18, 1995

Collectors: M. Cole, L. McDougal, K. Wooster and others

MUSSEL SURVEY ALSO CONDUCTED AT THIS SITE

Survey Site: Walker County, Georgia. Approximately one mile north of the Walker/Chattooga County line. Sampled the river at the low water concrete bridge to the Strawberry Mountain Area.

Sample method: Backpack electro-shocker

Sampled: Section of stream upstream and downstream of low water bridge.

Stream characteristics in this 100-meter section were:

- 1) Maximum depth: 4 feet; minimum depth: 2 in
- 2) Maximum width: 40 feet; minimum width: 15 feet
- 3) Substrate: 50% boulder/bedrock; 40% cobble/gravel; 10% sand
- 4) Habitat Type: 70% pools; 30% riffle
- 5) Aquatic Vegetation: none
- 6) Flow: moderate
- 7) Structure: 25% boulder/bedrock; 5% white water; 1% woody debris
- 8) Channel: moderate gradient
- 9) Continuity: Stream was not broken by dry pockets
- 10) Fishing: Yes.
- 11) Bank stability: 80% stable with good vegetative cover except around the bridge where stability is 65% (eroded banks with no cover in spots)
- 12) Streamside: The streamside zone is stable with good cover of mature trees with a minimum of a 50-foot width on either side of the stream. Area around bridge has eroded banks due to foot traffic down to the river and a parking area 30 feet from the river.

Fish Collected:

Banded sculpin (*Cottus Carolina*)  
Northern hog sucker (*Hypentilium nigricans*)  
Creek chub (*Semotilus atromaculatus*)  
Redeye bass (*Micropterus coosae*)  
Central stoneroller (*Campostoma anomalum*)  
Striped shiner (*Luxilus chrysocephalus*)  
Tricolor shiner (*Cyprinella trichroistia*)  
Coosa darter (*Etheostoma coosae*)  
Greenbreast darter (*Etheostoma jordani*)

Note: Low water bridge is a definite barrier. The concrete skirt on the downstream side had a shallow sheet of water with an incline of 45 degrees. This crossing is a barrier to most fish.

Recommendations: To re-vegetate the parking area next to the river and build a new parking area away from the river. Build steps down to the river and replant the badly eroded areas on the streambank. Future project: Construct rock weirs in the downstream area to pull the water up and allow fish passage over the crossing.

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Conasauga ID Number: 7100  
 Ranger District: Cohutta Quad(s): Hemp Top, Tennga, Dyer Gap

Segment: Source in wilderness to private land boundary	Segment: From private land boundary to Taylor's Creek in Cherokee NF (Tennessee)
Segment Miles <u>13.0</u> <u>4160 ac.</u>	Segment Miles <u>5.0</u> <u>576 ac.</u>
NF Ownership <u>13.0</u>	NF Ownership <u>1.8</u>
Private Lands _____	Private Lands <u>3.2</u>

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Eligible for WSR; numerous (class A) values: scenic; span of attraction; and especially fish and aquatic communities; this stream sets the standard of comparison for all other streams within the Georgia Blue Ridge in this category for outstandingly remarkable.  
 2/97 moc/jjp

Width about 10–12 feet at Betty Gap (uppermost portion of river); approximately 30–40 feet in main body of wilderness; approximately 100 feet at confluence with Jacks River. (Chattahoochee-Oconee will utilize the Cherokee's analysis and recommendations for eligibility on the Conasauga's segment within Tennessee.)

### SCENIC VALUES

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class A) – although there are no particular feature points, attraction is along entire area; steep slopes along most of river; bottomland in private area; high cliffs in Tennessee

**Vegetation:** (class A) – unbroken forest wilderness; in Betty Gap area scattered big hemlocks and state record hemlock (now dead)

**Water Features:** (class B) – at top, lots of cascades and ripples; along whole length boulders in stream and small falls; clarity of water is very good

### RECREATIONAL VALUES

**Span of Attraction:** (class A) – users come from all over eastern U.S. and beyond for backpacking, camping, and fishing; has appeared, as part of Cohutta Wilderness, in national publications and backpacker magazines. Receives more dispersed usage than Jacks River, therefore offers more of a wilderness experience

**Water Sports:** (class C) – kayaking and canoeing from Jacks River Bridge north into Tennessee, very typical

**Fishing:** (class C+) – most fishing is incidental to other recreation but experience is worth the hike to faithful fishermen

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – nothing outstandingly remarkable—typical of region

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class A) – high number of T&E species—fish and mussels, which mostly occur off the Cherokee NF and back into private ownership within Georgia where the river enters the Ridge and Valley; not within the Blue Ridge. Many endemics; high diversity; truly a good example of a healthy Blue Ridge river as far as aquatic species are concerned; compares favorably to Nolichucky and French Broad rivers in Tennessee. These streams contain as many as 80 to 90 different species, as does the Conasauga/Jacks

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – very typical

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – typical logging evidence (1890–1920)

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Jigger Creek ID Number: 7120  
 Ranger District: Cohutta Quad(s): Hemp Top, Tennega

Segment:

Segment Miles 3.05  
 NF Ownership 2.65  
 Private Lands .4

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** No outstandingly remarkable values; very typical stream for Blue Ridge. Should not be considered further. 2/97 moc/jjp

Average 6-8 foot width, yellow pine-hardwood forest type

**SCENIC VALUES** (class C) – little variety in landform, fairly flat, vegetation is regeneration from cutover land; roads alongside; water features typical

**RECREATIONAL VALUES** (class C) – not much draw, not stocked with fish

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – none outstanding

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – none outstanding

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – none outstanding

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – none present



**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Jacks River (Wilderness Area) ID Number: 7200  
 Ranger District: Cohutta Quad(s): Hemp Top, Dyer Gap

Segment: Southern boundary of Cohutta Wilderness to confluence with Conasauga River in Tennessee  
 Segment 2: 0.5 miles wilderness boundary to confluence with Conasauga

Segment Miles \_\_\_\_\_  
 NF Ownership 13.5  
 Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Has outstandingly remarkable values-scenic: adjacent landforms; span of attraction is class A, too; has good aquatics diversity but not as Conasauga. Should be judged eligible in conjunction with the Conasauga. 2/97  
 moc/iip

40-foot average width in wilderness, 80 feet at Jacks River Bridge

**SCENIC VALUES**

- Adjacent Landforms:** (class A) – steep slopes, boulders, rock outcrops; high cliffs at horseshoe bend with spectacular view; gorge area at southern end
- Vegetation:** (class A) – big white pines (20"), hemlock, hardwoods; diverse vegetation
- Water Features:** (class A) – deep pools 8 to 10 feet deep; Jack’s River falls 80 to 100 feet wide; whitewater cascades in gorge area; some siltation

**RECREATIONAL VALUES** (class A) – users are mainly from Georgia but wilderness area draws from national audience; has appeared in many publications. Most use is concentrated at Beech Bottom. Uses include backpacking, fishing, camping, day hiking, and swimming. Heavier usage occurs at access points. Water flow is not sufficient for water sports, but larger stream than Conasauga until confluence

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class B) – very good variety but nothing earth shattering

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical of the Blue Ridge

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class B) – many of the same T&E species as occur in the Conasauga, but not as plentiful or diverse

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – typical of the Blue Ridge

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – typical logging evidence (1890–1920)

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Jacks River (south of Wilderness) ID Number: 7200

Ranger District: Cohutta Quad(s): Hemp Top, Dyer Gap

Segment: South Fork	Segment: West Fork	Segment: Jones
Segment Miles	Segment Miles	Segment Miles
NF Ownership <u>4.0</u>	NF Ownership <u>2.65</u>	NF Ownership <u>        </u>
Private Lands <u>        </u>	Private Lands <u>        </u>	Private Lands <u>2.6</u>

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Average stream. Should not be considered for eligibility. 2/97  
moc/jjp

Average width for all three segments is 8 to 12 feet

**SCENIC VALUES** (class C) – flatter terrain; fields along South Fork are now wildlife openings; good variety of hardwoods and white pine—2nd, 3rd, and 4th growth; water features are typical of the area

**RECREATIONAL VALUES** (class C) – attracts local and Atlanta area users for camping, fishing, hiking, horse, and bike trail riding. Jacks River Fields Campground is developed on South Fork; native trout

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – very typical and plain for the Blue Ridge

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – nowhere as diverse as the lower portion

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – typical

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – same as lower portion, typical logging

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Mill Creek ID Number: 7300  
 Ranger District: Cohutta Quad(s): Tennga, Crandall

Segment: From Lake Conasauga to private land at intersection with Cohorn Creek

Segment Miles 8.5  
 NF Ownership 8.5  
 Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Very typical of a Blue Ridge stream. Should not be considered further for eligibility. 2/97 moc/jjp

Average width is 6 feet at lake, 15 feet at end.

**SCENIC VALUES** (class C) – fairly typical of area; a dusty road runs right along creek; small gorgelike area north of lake. Not much variation in vegetation types; yellow pine, lot of regeneration in watershed. There are a few boulders in stream, 40-foot waterfall at Hickey Gap, downstream beyond is typical overall

**RECREATIONAL VALUES** (class C) – generally local use only, for fishing and dispersed camping. Creek is stocked at Hickey Gap and Rocky Flats Road; native trout occur in upper reaches but is too steep to fish

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – nothing out of the ordinary

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – typical for the Blue Ridge

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – none outstanding

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – a number of sites occur, but none outstanding

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Cohorn Branch ID Number: 7310  
 Ranger District: Cohutta Quad(s): Crandall

Segment: From near source to private land

Segment Miles 2.36  
 NF Ownership 2.36  
 Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Very typical Blue Ridge stream. Should not be considered further for WSR eligibility.  
 2/97 moc/jjp

**SCENIC VALUES** (class C) – average 8 feet wide, no steep slopes, vegetation is pine ridges/Virginia pine; water has little variety, some sandbars, not enough volume

**RECREATIONAL VALUES** (class C) – no use at all

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – just your typical—deer, turkey, and box turtles

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – none outstanding

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – none outstanding

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – typical past use

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Sumac Creek ID Number: 7400  
 Ranger District: Cohutta Quad(s): Tennga

Segment:

Segment Miles 8.3  
 NF Ownership 8.3  
 Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Typical Blue Ridge stream; should not be considered further for WSR eligibility. 2/97 moc/jjp

Average 8 to 12 foot width; forest is yellow pine-hardwood

**SCENIC VALUES** (class C) – fairly gentle slopes; lot of timber management in the area; water has typical riffles

**RECREATIONAL VALUES** (class C) – not easily accessible at this time; a multiuse trail is being constructed; fishing is minimal—listed as a trout stream, but apparently no trout in it, not stocked

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical Blue Ridge

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – typical Blue Ridge, none outstanding

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – none outstanding

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – none outstanding

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Holly Creek ID Number: 7500  
Ranger District: Cohutta Quad(s): Crandall

Segment: Entire length to proclamation boundary

Segment Miles	<u>6.10</u>
NF Ownership	<u>3.75</u>
Private Lands	<u>2.35</u>

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** A little above average but very dissected by private land; popular as day use with locals, some nice water features. Should not be considered further. 2/97 moc/jjp

Above Boatwright property, width is about 10 feet; main creek width is about 30 feet. General forest type is white pine-hemlock-poplar.

**SCENIC VALUES** (class B) – some steep banks; water has lots of cascades and boulders and nice pools; seems to be a natural disaster area—tornados, fires, and hurricane have damaged area below Emery Creek

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span of Attraction:** (class C) – very heavy local use due to accessibility from town. Used for swimming, sunning, and fishing. Lots of trash left around

**Water Sports:** (class C) – none

**Fishing:** (class C) – stocked and heavily fished

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical of Blue Ridge

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – typical

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – none outstanding

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – ordinary

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Emery Creek ID Number: 7510  
 Ranger District: Cohutta Quad(s): Crandall

Segment: From source to Holly Creek

Segment Miles 3.15  
 NF Ownership 3.15  
 Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** not as large a stream as Holly, but a little more scenic and remote, above average for scenic values; has potential for special forest designation, but not National WSR. 2/97 moc/jjp

Averages 4 to 5 feet wide at beginning, 15 to 20 feet wide at Holly Creek end. Forest type is white pine-hemlock-hardwood. Comparable to Mountaintown.

**SCENIC VALUES** (class B) – some steep gradient as it flows down; nice boulders in the stream; small waterfalls high up in the drainage; a twin waterfall (50 feet and 40 feet) must ford stream several times to get to it. Vegetation has a good variety of types; cover is somewhat continuous

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span of Attraction:** (class C) – not well known. A new trail goes alongside almost the whole length (extended from the group camp)

**Water Sports:** (class C) – none, creek not big enough, lounging at waterfalls

**Fishing:** (class C) – not stocked, fishing occurs in lower portion

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – typical of the Blue Ridge

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – typical, none outstanding

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – typical, none outstanding

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – typical

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Rock Creek ID Number: 7600  
Ranger District: Cohutta Quad(s): Ramhurst

Segment: From source to forest boundary

Segment Miles 7.35  
NF Ownership 3.75  
Private Lands 3.60

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Below average for a Blue Ridge stream. Should not be considered for WSR eligibility.  
2/97 moc/iip

Averages 10 feet wide at beginning, 25 feet at end. Forest was cutover in the 1920s, now hardwood-pine. Road crisscrosses along length with fords

**SCENIC VALUES**

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class C) – mostly flat bottomland; old fields along stream

**Vegetation:** (class C) – hardwood more prominent; pastures now maintained as wildlife openings; grown up clearcuts; nothing particularly distinctive

**Water Features:** (class C) – not much elevation change—lots of sandbars, no waterfalls or boulders

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span of Attraction:** (class C) – local use (reportedly drinking and shooting groundhogs)

**Water Sports:** (class C) – a few swimming holes, not enough flow for watercraft

**Fishing:** (class C) – not stocked; not much fishing use

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical Blue Ridge

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – none outstanding

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – none outstanding

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – none present



**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Mountaintown Creek ID Number: 7700  
 Ranger District: Cohutta Quad(s): Dyer Gap

Segment: From near source to main area of private land

Segment Miles 5.3  
 NF Ownership 5.3  
 Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Above average Blue Ridge stream; has good popularity with user groups; should be considered for a forest designation; not considered further for National WSR designation. 2/97 moc/jjp

Within proposed Pink Knob roadless area, above private inholding. Forest is white pine-hemlock-yellow poplar.

**SCENIC VALUES** (class B) - surrounding land has some rock outcrops; gorge portion on Crenshaw Branch; vegetation is similar to Emery Creek with a good variety. Ten-foot waterfall on Crenshaw Branch portion. Lower stretch is slow moving

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

- Span of Attraction:** (class B) – Mountain bikers come from statewide to use trail alongside, like stream crossings on the trail
- Water Sports:** (class C) – stream splashing and lounging
- Fishing:** (class B) – stream gets a lot of fishing usage; Trout Unlimited has done a lot of work at lower end. Is stocked below dam; above dam is native trout

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – very typical

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – some sensitive species—goldline darter, blue shiner; okay diversity

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – none outstanding

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – none present

**BRASSTOWN RANGER DISTRICT****Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of

Stream: Cooper Creek ID Number: 4100  
 Ranger Mulky Gap, Coosa Bald, Neels  
 District: Brasstown Quad(s): Gap

Segment: From Lake Winfield Scott to private land along Toccoa River

Segment Miles	<u>15.0</u>	<u>4800 ac.</u>
NF Ownership	<u>10.0</u>	<u>3200</u>
		<u>ac.</u>
Private Lands	<u>5.0</u>	<u></u>

<b>ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:</b> potentially eligible as of 2/4/97. Vegetation is the outstandingly remarkable value. moc/jjp
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Average stream width is 30 feet. A portion of the river lies within the Coosa Bald Scenic Area and Cooper Creek Scenic Area. On private land, this river is flatter with more pastures before the confluence with the Toccoa River.

**SCENIC VALUES**

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class B) – river runs within Cooper Creek Scenic Area; some big coves come down to the river

**Vegetation:** (class A) – area of old growth (white pine) south of Horseknob; primarily hardwoods within corridor. Team visited area east of parking area. Walked for a distance of about ½ mile. Scattered large white pines, but did not reach the old-growth area. (It is accessed from a different point.) Storm blowdown is common—tropical storm Opal—1995

**Water Features:** (class B) – some rapids, but no big waterfalls; fast moving in many locations

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span of Attraction:** (class B) – area receives visitors from throughout state. Recreation use consists of heavy trout fishing, designated camping areas, and hiking in scenic area

**Water Sports:** (class C) – not floatable in normal flow

**Fishing:** (class B) – is a most popular area for fishing. The portion through the scenic area is good native trout fishing and is also stocked

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – no outstanding geology

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class B) – two species of note occur, although neither is Federal PET or FS RS sensitive: Rafinesque's big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus rafinesquii*) and Hellbender (*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis*)

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class B) – small tributary streams are some of the better brook trout habitat (Burnett Creek, Logan/Board Camp)

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C)

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C)

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Sea Creek ID Number: 4110  
Ranger District: Brasstown Quad(s): Mulky Gap

Segment: From source to Cooper Creek

Segment Miles	<u>2.84</u>
NF Ownership	<u>2.65</u>
Private Lands	<u>0.19</u>

<p><b>ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:</b> Small stream that flows into Cooper Creek; could be considered up to the Sea Creek Falls along with Cooper Creek; otherwise very typical of a Blue Ridge stream. Should not be considered further. 2/4/97 moc/jjp</p>
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Width ranges from 5 to 15 feet; lies within Cooper Creek Management Area. Evaluation criteria considered is that of the Blue Ridge.

**SCENIC VALUES**

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class B) – some steep slopes

**Vegetation:** (class C) – lots of regeneration areas around; an area of intensive timber management

**Water Features:** (class B) – Sea Creek Falls is a 30-foot high falls, has a rocky streamcourse (not boulders)

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span of Attraction:** (class C) – fishing is the main recreation; typical users are local who really came to fish Cooper Creek

**Water Sports:** (class C) – no water sport usage, playing in waterfall

**Fishing:** (class C) – brook trout occur, fishing pressure is at Cooper Creek

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – no outstanding geology

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical of the national forest

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – brook trout in upper part

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – nothing outstanding

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – old gristmill ruins below falls, does not qualify for protection and is considered typical for area

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Dicks Creek\Blood Mountain Creek ID Number: 4200  
 Ranger District: Brasstown Quad(s): Neels Gap

Segment: Blood Mountain Creek, from source to Chestatee River	Segment: Dicks Creek, from origin to Blood Mountain Creek
Segment Miles <u>7.8</u>	Segment Miles <u>2.25</u>
NF Ownership <u>4.4</u>	NF Ownership <u>2.25</u>
Private Lands <u>3.1</u>	Private Lands <u>          </u>

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Streams are a little above average as Blue Ridge criteria is concerned; no outstandingly remarkable values. Should not be considered further.  
 2/4/97 moc/jjp

General forest type is pine/hardwood; flows within Blood Mountain Wilderness; on National Rivers Inventory list

**SCENIC VALUES**

- Adjacent Landforms:** (class B) – steeper than most
- Vegetation:** (class C) – hardwoods-pines
- Water Features:** (class B) – falls at check station and at Waters Creek campground; cascades in upper reaches

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

- Span of Attraction:** (class B) – one of most popular diverse camping and fishing areas; also popular for horseback riding. Typical visitors include people from throughout state and regional area
- Water Sports:** (class C) – pool sitting/wading
- Fishing:** (class B) – creek is stocked. A tributary, Waters Creek, is a trophy trout stream

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – locally typical

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – otters

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – typical

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – nothing outstanding

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class B) – Waters Creek house (1940’s vintage) was built by CCC and is National Register of Historic Places eligible

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Mulky Creek ID Number: 4210  
 Ranger District: Brasstown Quad(s): Mulky Gap

Segment: From source to confluence with Cooper Creek

Segment Miles	<u>3.0</u>
NF Ownership	<u>3.0</u>
Private Lands	<u>0</u>

<p><b>ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:</b> No outstandingly remarkable values; a very typical stream for the Blue Ridge. Should not be considered further. 2/4/97          moc/jjp</p>
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Basically the stream flows downhill into Cooper Creek. Blue Ridge criteria considered for evaluation.

**SCENIC VALUES** (class C) – relatively flat; nothing outstanding in any scenic category

**RECREATIONAL VALUES** (class C) – lots of dispersed camping; much fishing. Creek is stocked by DNR

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none outstanding

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class B) – Eastern small-footed bat (*Myotis leibii*); no recent surveys though;  
*Plecotus raffinis*

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** – typical darters

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class B) – small whorled pogonia (*Isotria medeoloides*)

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – no outstanding sites

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form**  
 Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests

Name of Stream: West Wolf Creek ID Number: 4310  
 Ranger District: Brasstown Quad(s): Coosa Bald

Segment: Source at Wildcat Gap down Sosebee Cove to private land

Segment Miles 3.2  
 NF Ownership 3.2  
 Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** No outstandingly remarkable values, has above private lands average wildlife and plants and is included within the Coosa Bald Scenic Area. Should not be considered for WSR.  
 2/4/97 moc/jjp

**SCENIC VALUES** (class C) – road runs adjacent for approximately 1½ miles

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

- Span of Attraction:** (class C) – heavy fishing use and a lot of dispersed camping; typical users are local
- Water Sports:** (class C) – not floatable
- Fishing:** (class C) – a put-and-take stream

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class B) – feeder streams have the only know forest location of bog turtles (*Clemmys muhlenbergii*), which is on the FS Regional list of sensitive species. Area was previously named Wolf Creek Zoological Area. Now part of the Coosa Bald Scenic Area

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) - banded darter (*Etheostom ozonale*)

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class B)- occurrences of Ruth’s sedge (*Carex ruthii*), a FS Regional sensitive species, and goldenseal (*Hydrastis canadensis*)

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C)

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Wolf Creek ID Number: 4320  
 Ranger District: Brasstown Quad(s): Coosa Bald

Segment: From source to private land

Segment Miles 3.2  
 NF Ownership 3.2  
 Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Very typical stream.  
 Should not be considered further. 2/4/97 moc/jjp

**Overall Class C:** Nothing outstanding. Waterfalls are on private land and are typical for the Blue Ridge. Runs through Vogel State Park and a lake.



**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Swallow Creek ID Number: 4411  
 Ranger District: Brasstown Quad(s): Macedonia

Segment: From source to private land

Segment Miles 2.0  
 NF Ownership 2.0  
 Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** A small stream; no outstandingly remarkable values. Should not be considered further for WSR. 2/5/97  
 moc/jjp

Within SAA Inventory area – Kelly Ridge.

**SCENIC VALUES**

- Adjacent Landforms:** (class B) – somewhat steep, but not a gorge
- Vegetation:** (class C) – common diversity
- Water Features:** (class B) – lot of cascades (Falls Branch)

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

- Span of Attraction:** (class C) – fishing and camping are typical uses; users are from local area
- Water Sports:** (class C)
- Fishing:** (class C) – stream is stocked

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C)

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C)

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class B) – occurrences of small purple-fringed orchid

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C)

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Dismal Creek ID Number: 4411a  
 Ranger District: Brasstown Quad(s): Macedonia

Segment: From source to private land

Segment Miles 1.25  
 NF Ownership 1.25  
 Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** A small stream that is very typical of the Blue Ridge; no outstandingly remarkable values. Should not be considered further.  
 2/5/97 moc/jjp

Flows into Swallow Creek, and is very similar to it.

**SCENIC VALUES** (class C)

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

- Span of Attraction:** (class C) – there is moderate fishing use
- Water Sports:** (class C)
- Fishing:** (class C) – stream is not stocked

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C)

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C)

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C)

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C)

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Cynth Creek ID Number: 4420  
 Ranger District: Brasstown Quad(s): Macedonia

Segment: Confluence with Cave Branch in Poplar Cove to private land. Flows to the Hiwassee River; private land is mixture of pastures/homes.

Segment Miles 1.25  
 NF Ownership 1.25  
 Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** A very typical, small Blue Ridge creek. Should not be considered further.  
 2/5/97 moc/jjp

Stream is very typical according to Blue Ridge evaluation criteria.

**SCENIC VALUES** (class C) – fairly flat; falls on tributary: Falls Branch

**RECREATIONAL VALUES** (class C) – not much use at all

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Silas Branch ID Number: 4431  
 Ranger District: Brasstown Quad(s): Tray Mountain

Segment: Flows into Mill Creek; within SAA Inventory area: Kelly Ridge/Swallows

Segment Miles 0.6  
 NF Ownership 0.6  
 Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** A tiny stream; no outstandingly remarkable features. Should not be considered further. 2/5/97 moc/jjp

Very typical according to Blue Ridge evaluation criteria. Has been clearcut at headwaters.

**Overall class C**

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Corbin Creek ID Number: 4440  
 Ranger District: Brasstown Quad(s): Tray Mountain

Segment: From source to private land

Segment Miles	<u>3.6</u>	<u>1152 ac.</u>
NF Ownership	<u>3.6</u>	<u>                    </u>
Private Lands	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Above average Blue Ridge stream according to criteria; potentially eligible, outstandingly remarkable feature is scenic landforms. 2/5/97 moc/jjp

**SCENIC VALUES**

- Adjacent Landforms:** (class A) – “gorgy” rock ledges
- Vegetation:** (class B) – some big trees, hemlocks, pines, and hardwoods
- Water Features:** (class B) – Corbin Creek Falls in narrow area; also falls on Mossy Cove Branch and Gizzard

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

- Span of Attraction:** (class C) – local use for fishing, camping, and hunting
- Water Sports:** (class C) – none
- Fishing:** (class C) – steam is stocked

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class B)

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C)

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C)

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C)

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C)

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Brier Creek ID Number: 4441  
 Ranger District: Brasstown Quad(s): Tray Mountain

Segment: From source to private land, flows into Corbin Creek

Segment Miles 2.0  
 NF Ownership 2.0  
 Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:</b> A remote stream with poor accessibility; a little above average according to Blue Ridge criteria. Should not be considered further for WSR. 2/5/97 moc/jjp</p>
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**SCENIC VALUES**

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class C) – generally flat, but within a deep valley

**Vegetation:** (class B) – only uncut watershed on the district; mature timber cut heavily during World War II

**Water Features:** (class C)

**RECREATIONAL VALUES** (class C) – no use due to inaccessibility

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class B) – north-facing boulder field cove at high end (may be outside of river corridor)

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C)

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C)

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class B) – unfragmented cove

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C)

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: High Shoals Creek ID Number: 4450  
 Ranger District: Brasstown Quad(s): Tray Mountain

Segment: Source to private land  
 Segment Miles 2.6 832 ac.  
 NF Ownership 2.6  
 Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Above average according to Blue Ridge evaluation criteria; water features and fish are outstanding; within scenic area. Potentially eligible. 2/5/97 moc/jip

Lies partially within the High Shoals Scenic Area.

**SCENIC VALUES**

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class B) – pretty steep in places

**Vegetation:** (class B) – various cove hardwoods; lots of rhododendron

**Water Features:** (class A) – has a number of falls. High Shoals Falls is the largest on the district. Also a falls on tributary Maple Springs Branch

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span of Attraction:** (class B) – popular for hiking to waterfalls; some users come from out of state

**Water Sports:** (class C) – waterfall splashing

**Fishing:** (class A) – brook trout in tributaries; one of the better brook trout streams on the forest, although small

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C)

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class B) – brook trout

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class B) – *Veratrum viride* found on Grapevine Cove Branch (not in corridor)

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C)

**TOCCOA RANGER DISTRICT****Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Etowah River ID Number: 2100  
 Ranger District: Toccoa Quad(s): Suches, Campbell Mountain

Segment: Near source to  
Jay Bridge

Segment Miles	<u>11.7</u>
NF Ownership	<u>6.2</u>
Private Lands	<u>5.5</u>

<p><b>ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:</b> A rather common river; has had many impacts in the past-gold mining to farming; national forest section is typical when compared to other Blue Ridge steams. Should not be considered further for National WSR; could get a forest designation. 3/13/97 moc/jjp</p>
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Not floatable within national forest, about 1-foot deep and 15–20 feet wide

**SCENIC VALUES**

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class C) – much of land along river is fairly flat

**Vegetation:** (class C) – Virginia pine at upper end; blowdown; typical of area

**Water Features:** (class C) – nice waterfall within Camp Merrill

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span of Attraction:** (class C) – draws people from Atlanta area because river is big and easy to get to

**Water Sports:** (class C) – considered a good beginner's canoeing river, especially below national forest land toward Dawsonville

**Fishing:** (class C) – typical put-and-take stocked river

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – no outstanding habitats

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C+) – Etowah darter occurs. (Compared to Conasauga River for T&E)

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – none outstanding

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – many historic sites but nothing of significance



**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Nimblewill Creek ID Number: 2110  
 Ranger District: Toccoa Quad(s): Campbell Mountain

Segment: From source to Etowah River

Segment Miles 8.4  
 NF Ownership 3.3  
 Private Lands 5.1

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Very typical Blue Ridge stream, little variety. Should not be considered further. 4/1/97  
 moc/jjp

Average 15-foot width. Water flows year-round. General forest type is white pine and Virginia pine. Part of creek lies within Ed Jenkins National Recreation Area, above Amicalola Falls State Park.

**SCENIC VALUES** (class C) – little variation in landform or vegetation on forest; lots of pine. Road follows stream entire length, which makes the riparian area dusty in the summer. Water has some ripples and cascades

**RECREATIONAL VALUES** (class C) –local use; lots of dispersed camping within riparian area; stocked for trout fishing; some gold-panning activity

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none -just outside the goldbelt

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – what you would expect

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – common

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – common

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – nothing significant

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Jones Creek ID Number: 2120  
Ranger District: Toccoa Quad(s): Nimblewill

Segment: From source to Lance Creek

Segment Miles	<u>9.5</u>
NF Ownership	<u>8.5</u>
Private Lands	<u>1.0</u>

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** A common stream; class C Blue Ridge comparison. Should not be considered for WSR.  
4/2/97 moc/jjp

Larger than Lance Creek; 20 feet wide at lower end. There is a flood control impoundment at 5.9 miles from source. Surrounding forest contains lot of white pine, mixed hardwoods; some blowdown.

**SCENIC VALUES** (class C) – typical of area, has small falls; roads follow

**RECREATIONAL VALUES** (class C) – mostly local use for horse camping (at Bull Mountain) and fishing. Creek is not stocked

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none; outside the goldbelt

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical of the Blue Ridge

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – typical

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – common

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – nonsignificant

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Lance Creek ID Number: 2121  
 Ranger District: Toccoa Quad(s): Nimblewill

Segment: From source to Jones Creek

Segment Miles 3.2  
 NF Ownership 3.2  
 Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:</b> Very similar to Jones Creek; a common Blue Ridge stream. Should not be considered for WSR. 4/2/97 moc/jjp</p>
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Wide but not deep. Arises from spring on Springer Mountain; lies within the Ed Jenkins National Recreation Area. Typical of the Blue Ridge.

**SCENIC VALUES** (class C) – typical of the area; lots of pine with upland hardwood

**RECREATIONAL VALUES** (class C) – Recreation use centers around the trail along the creek for bikers and horseback riders (Bull Mountain). Local span of attraction for trail use, not because of stream. No fish stocking. Minimal fishing, if at all

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none; outside the goldbelt

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical of the Blue Ridge

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – typical

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – common

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – nonsignificant

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Montgomery Creek ID Number: 2130

Ranger District: Toccoa Quad(s): Noontootla, Campbell Mountain

Segment: Near source to Etowah River

Segment Miles 2.65  
 NF Ownership 2.65  
 Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Typical when compared to Blue Ridge criteria; similar to Etowah. Should not be considered for National WSR; could be included with Etowah for Forest consideration.  
 4/2/97 moc/jjp

Approximately 15 to 25 feet wide

**SCENIC VALUES** (class B) – West slope is steep, but east is flat. Vegetation consists of hardwoods, red oak, white oak, and hickory. Water features are typical of area creeks

**RECREATIONAL VALUES** (class C) – typical for district; dispersed camping within the riparian area and fishing; creek is stocked for fishing

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – typical of area; one big boulder in middle

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical of Blue Ridge

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C+) – has endangered darter

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – common

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – nonsignificant

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Noontootla Creek ID Number: 2210  
Ranger District: Toccoa Quad(s): Noontootla

Segment: From Three Forks to private land

Segment Miles	<u>9.7</u>
NF Ownership	<u>5.3</u>
Private Lands	<u>4.4</u>

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** An above average stream based on Blue Ridge criteria; heavily fished with roads up its length. Should not be considered for WSR, perhaps for some forest MA designation. 4/2/97 moc/iip

Averages 20 feet wide; surrounding forest is hemlock-oak-rhododendron; cool riparian area; faster water than most.

**SCENIC VALUES**

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class B) – not many slopes that exceed 60 percent; rocks do not dominate but are more common than most other streams in area

**Vegetation:** (class C) – lots of white pine/hemlock/rhododendron

**Water Features:** (class B) – cascades and tumbling water; some rocks

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span of Attraction:** (class C) – users are typically local or from the Atlanta-North Georgia area; use is generally for dispersed camping and fishing; roads

**Water Sports:** (class C) – none

**Fishing:** (class B) – not stocked; contains brook trout and rainbow trout; a trophy trout stream

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none of distinction

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical of Blue Ridge

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – typical

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – common

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – nonsignificant

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Chester and Frick Creeks ID Number: 2211, 2211a

Ranger District: Toccoa Quad(s): Noontootla

Segment:

	Chester	Frick
Segment Miles	<u>2.27</u>	<u>2.46</u>
NF Ownership	<u>2.27</u>	<u>2.46</u>
Private Lands	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Very common and typical. Should not be considered further. 4/2/97 moc/jjp

Average 10-foot width. Borders NRA. Very similar to Montgomery, Lovinggood, and Long Creeks; typical of area. Class C for all categories

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Lovinggood ID Number: 2212

Ranger District: Toccoa Quad(s): Noontootla

Segment:

Segment Miles \_\_\_\_\_  
NF Ownership 3.64  
Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Should not be considered further; common and typical. 4/2/97  
moc/jjp

Within national recreation area

**SCENIC VALUES** (class C) – typical or area, similar to Montgomery, Chester, and Long Creeks

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span of Attraction:** (class C)

**Water Sports:** (class C)

**Fishing:** (class C+) – trophy stream for stocked trout

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none of distinction

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical of Blue Ridge

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – typical

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – common

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – nonsignificant

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Long Creek ID Number: 2213  
 Ranger District: Toccoa Quad(s): Noontootla

Segment: From Hawk Mountain to Noontootla Creek

Segment Miles \_\_\_\_\_  
 NF Ownership 3.6  
 Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Above average based on Blue Ridge criteria; no outstanding values. Could be given forest consideration in MA prescription. Should not be considered further for WSR. 4/2/97 moc/jjp

**SCENIC VALUES**

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class C) – flat; some old roadbed

**Vegetation:** (class B) – white pine; late-successional mixed oak 80–100 year class, some large trees

**Water Features:** (class B) – two waterfalls with high water volume—Long Creek falls and Little Long Creek falls

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span of Attraction:** (class B) – not so much for river itself but for Appalachian Trail that runs alongside for most of its length

**Water Sports:** (class C)

**Fishing:** (class C+) – part of trophy stream system; brook trout about falls

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none of distinction

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical of the Blue Ridge

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – typical

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – common

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class B) – remains of grist mill wheel at falls; old Hickory Flats community in area; does not qualify for National Register



**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Rock Creek ID Number: 2220  
 Ranger District: Toccoa Quad(s): Noontootla

Segment: From Toccoa River to Rock Creek Lake Segment Miles _____ NF Ownership <u>7.3</u> Private Lands _____	Segment: From Rock Creek Lake to source Segment Miles _____ NF Ownership <u>1.0</u> Private Lands _____
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**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Roaded almost entire length. Common but popular stream for fishing. Should not be considered further for WSR. No ORVs. 4/2/97 moc/jjp

Average width is 25 feet. Impoundment at Rock Creek Lake. Forest is white pine with some hardwoods. Clearcuts/older trees distributed evenly within NRA. Rock Creek Fish Hatchery at Mill Creek Station is slated to be closed.

**SCENIC VALUES** (class C) – average landforms; road runs along creek; a lot of clearcut areas in vicinity; water riffles

**RECREATIONAL VALUES** (class C+) – very popular with locals for fishing and dispersed camping; stocked

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none of distinction

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical of Blue Ridge

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – typical

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – common

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class B) – remains of Warden House and pond dam; two prehistoric sites

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Cartecay and Anderson Creeks ID Number: 2300

Ranger District: Toccoa Quad(s): Tickanetley

Originates in wilderness, but only ¼ mile is on national forest land

<b>ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:</b> Not to be considered further for WSR. 4/2197 moc/jjp
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**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Cochrans Creek ID Number: 2500  
 Ranger District: Toccoa Quad(s): Nimblewill

Segment: From near source to private land

Segment Miles	<u>4.20</u>	
NF Ownership	<u>3.70</u>	<u>1184 ac.</u>
Private Lands	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
State Land	<u>0.50</u>	<u>          </u>

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Above average; ORVs include adjacent landform and H<sub>2</sub>O features. Consider as eligible for WSR.  
 4/2/97 moc/jjp

Averages 10 to 15 widths throughout. Upper part: hemlock, oak-hickory-yellow poplar within one mile; lower part - Virginia and shortleaf pine; good flow.

**SCENIC VALUES**

- Adjacent Landforms:** (class A) – once cascade area begins, has shear side slopes increasing in steepness to the top of the falls; at top has rocky sides with huge cliff line (100 feet) on one side
- Vegetation:** (class C) – fairly typical for cove area; rhododendron, laurel, some scattered relic trees, but just very occasional
- Water Features:** (class A) – cascade/falls portion covers approximately ¼ mile from top. Approaching top is a series of 4 or 5 falls of 20 to 25 foot range. At top main fall drops 75 feet over ledge—impressive

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

- Span of Attraction:** (class C) – **not much use** because of limited access. Horses use flatter areas where old, impassable roadbed “parallels” stream. No trail along stream in steeper section; there have been fatalities here
- Water Sports:** (class C) – falling on the rocks
- Fishing:** (class C) – lower end is stocked

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class B) – transverses same landform that creates Amicalola Falls; unique in the vicinity but consistent with Southern Appalachian area

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical for Blue Ridge

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – typical

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – common

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – nonsignificant

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Fightingtown Creek ID Number: 2600  
Ranger District: Toccoa Quad(s): Cashes Valley

Segment: From source to edge of private land

Segment Miles	<u>6.18</u>
NF Ownership	<u>2.39</u>
Private Lands	<u>3.79</u>

<p><b>ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:</b> Common stream; no ORVs. Should not be considered further for WSR. 4/2/97 moc/jjp</p>
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Average 20 to 30 width; is a major drainage on northwest side of district; forest is mixed hardwood-pine-laurel-rhododendron; road follows creek and fords creek about four times; numerous private homes downstream on private land.

**SCENIC VALUES** (class C) – fairly flat; one small 6-foot waterfall

**RECREATIONAL VALUES** (class C) – local use for fishing (and shooting, drinking, and partying); used to be stocked

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none of distinction

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical of the Blue Ridge

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – typical

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class B) – *Isotria medeoloides*

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C+) – remains of historic community on private land

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Turniptown Creek ID Number: 2700  
 Ranger District: Toccoa Quad(s): Tickanetley

Segment: Source to forest boundary

Segment Miles \_\_\_\_\_  
 NF Ownership 2.27  
 Private Lands 4.72

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** No outstandingly remarkable values; small. Should not be considered further for WSR.  
 4/2/97 moc/jjp

**SCENIC VALUES** (class C) – mixed hardwoods; mostly on private land with pastures; no remarkable water features; a few small waterfalls on high end

**RECREATIONAL VALUES** (class C) – local use for fishing; jeep trail, which runs in and out of creek on private land

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none of distinction

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical of Blue Ridge

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – bluefin shiner was found in 1956 at lower end

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – common

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – nonsignificant

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Toccoa River ID Number: 2200  
 Ranger District: Toccoa Quad(s): Suches, Noontootla, Wilscot, Blue Ridge

Segment: Confluence with Canada Creek to Lake Blue Ridge

Segment Miles	30.5
	<u>7</u>
NF Ownership	15.0
	<u>5</u>
Private Lands	15.5
	<u>2</u>

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Outstandingly remarkable values are scenic and recreation. Should be considered further for WSR in conjunction with Canada Creek and perhaps Cooper Creek  
 10/97 moc/jjp

**SCENIC VALUES**

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class A) – mixed hardwoods; mixed ownership pattern with pastures; roads and bridges are frequent; half rolling, half flat terrain. Private homes line riverbank in some locations, as do fenced pastures

**Vegetation:** (class C) – some woods, some pastures, some pines, and some hardwoods

**Water Features:** (class C) – mostly quiet running but has good flow, 40 foot wide, some patches of white water

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span of Attraction:** (class B) – draws folks from Atlanta area since river is big enough to float and they can find it

**Water Sports:** (class A) – a good float stream, not white water in the true sense but safe with many locations to put in and take out

**Fishing:** (class C) – very typical native fisheries and put-and-take fish, local use

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none of distinction

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical of Blue Ridge

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – none that is special

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – common

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – nonsignificant

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Canada Creek ID Number: 2230  
 Ranger District: Toccoa Quad(s): Suches

Segment: Just west of Woody Gap School to confluence with Toccoa River

Segment Miles	<u>3.50</u>	
NF Ownership	<u>1.72</u>	<u>550 ac.</u>
Private Lands	<u>1.78</u>	

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Outstandingly remarkable value is scenic. Should be considered for further study with Toccoa River. 10/97 moc/jjp

**SCENIC VALUES**

- Adjacent Landforms:** (class B) – rolling area with long views; feeling of remoteness, even through private property
- Vegetation:** (class B) – mixed hardwoods and herbaceous plants
- Water Features:** (class A) – six waterfalls in 3.5 miles, rocky in places

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

- Span of Attraction:** (class C) – local use
- Water Sports:** (class C) – wading/fishing; typical of most smaller streams
- Fishing:** (class C) – typical

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C+) – none of distinction, but six waterfalls

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical of Blue Ridge

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – typical of Blue Ridge section

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class B) – small whorled pogonia, lady’s slipper

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – nonsignificant

**TALLULAH RANGER DISTRICT****Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**Name of Stream: Popcorn Creek ID Number: 5110Ranger District: Tallulah Quad(s): Hightower Bald

Segment: From near source to Tallulah River

Segment Miles 4.2  
NF Ownership 3.4  
Private Lands .8

<p><b>ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:</b> No outstandingly remarkable values; very typical of a Blue Ridge stream; small. Should not be considered further for WSR. 7/97 moc/jjp</p>
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**Water flows year-round.****SCENIC VALUES****Adjacent Landforms:** (class C) – kind of steep, typical of Blue Ridge area**Vegetation:** (class C) – Blue Ridge vegetation**Water Features:** (class B) – small rapids, waterfalls, and cascades**RECREATIONAL VALUES****Span of Attraction:** (class C) – typical users are local**Water Sports:** (class C) – wading around**Fishing:** (class B) – a brook trout stream; lots of fish structures present**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – typical Blue Ridge features**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – deer and turkey**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – brook trout stocked**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – Blue Ridge typical**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – none, may have past gold-mining evidence



**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Dicks Creek (Tallulah River-Lake Burton) ID Number: 5120  
 Ranger District: Tallulah Quad(s): Hightower Bald, Lake Burton

Segment: Near source at Dicks Creek Gap to Lake Burton

Segment Miles 1.9  
 NF Ownership .7  
 Private Lands 1.2

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Very plain stream; two trail road follows and crosses entire length; small and no outstandingly remarkable values. Should not be considered for WSR. 7/97 moc/jjp

**SCENIC VALUES** (class C) – typical of the Blue Ridge

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

- Span of Attraction:** (class C) – some camping occurs all year
- Water Sports:** (class C) – wading
- Fishing:** (class C)

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – nothing special

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – deer and turkey

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – nothing outstanding

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – nothing outstanding

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – restored log cabin by DNR on private

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Tuckaluge Creek ID Number: 5130  
 Ranger District: Tallulah Quad(s): Rabun Bald

Segment: Near source to Warwoman Creek

Segment Miles 3.8  
 NF Ownership 3.0  
 Private Lands .8

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Average Blue Ridge stream, comparable to Dicks, Popcorn, and Charlie’s Creeks. Should not be considered eligible for WSR. 7/97 moc/jjp

**SCENIC VALUES** (class B) - some waterfalls and cascades; nothing outstanding; has good water quality/clarity

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

- Span of Attraction:** (class C) – high interest in area recently because of lawsuit/timber sale controversy; recreational interest is very local
- Water Sports:** (class C) – wading
- Fishing:** (class C) – not stocked, but little fishing interest

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – typical of area

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – deer and turkey

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – Blue Ridge typical

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – *Carex scabrata* occurs on Rabun Bald but is NOT river-related

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – none, except for past gold-mining evidence

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Wildcat Creek ID Number: 5140  
 Ranger District: Tallulah Quad(s): Lake Burton, Tray Mountain

Segment: From source to Lake Burton

Segment Miles 5.8  
 NF Ownership 4.7  
 Private Lands 1.1

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Above average, but not as good as Overflow, Coleman, Tallulah, or Moccasin; no outstandingly remarkable values. Should not be considered further for WSR.  
 7/97 moc/jjp

Water flows year-round. Forest type is oak/hickory. Road follows creek very closely in many places.

**SCENIC VALUES**

- Adjacent Landforms:** (class B) – somewhat steep, but no gorge (small one on private)
- Vegetation:** (class B) – better than typical. Riparian area is heavily impacted due to fishing use and camping
- Water Features:** (class B) – some rapids and cascades

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

- Span of Attraction:** (class B) – two campgrounds, heavy dispersed (concentrated) use; major fishing use, sliding rock for swimmers. Typical visitors are locals and people from adjacent counties
- Water Sports:** (class C) – sliding
- Fishing:** (class C) – heavily stocked

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class B) – sliding rock/big exposed rock, not really a feature, but it’s the closest thing up there

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – turkey and deer

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – typical for the Blue Ridge

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – typical

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – site of old railroad grade and powerhouse located on private land

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Tallulah River ID Number: 5200  
Ranger District: Tallulah Quad(s): Hightower Bald

Segment: From one mile in North Carolina to end of NF ownership just below Tallulah River Campground

Segment Miles	<u>7.0</u>	
NF Ownership	<u>5.5</u>	<u>1760 ac.</u>
Private Lands	<u>1.5</u>	<u>                    </u>

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Outstandingly remarkable values include scenic, water, and geologic. Should be considered further for WSR study. Should be considered in conjunction with Coleman River. 7/97  
moc/jjp

Lower end (Charlie's Creek to Tallulah River campground) is from 25 to 40 feet wide. Water is clear. Road runs close on one side of river on forestland.

**SCENIC VALUES**

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class B) – not so steep in North Carolina; flat in middle section around Tate City; steep at lower end, nearly class A

**Vegetation:** (class B) – good, but not unusual

**Water Features:** (class A) – no large waterfalls, but has significant cascades and rapids. The portion adjacent to Rock Mountain has enormous boulders creating many small falls and cascades. Swift water running between first and second bridges

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span of Attraction:** (class B) – visitors from statewide; gets tour buses; activities include fishing, camping, hunting, and sightseeing

**Water Sports:** (class C) – no; too dangerous for kayaking

**Fishing:** (class B) – heavily stocked and fished

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class B) – boulders at the Rock Mountain segment

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – none outstanding

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – none outstanding

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – *Carex roanensis* (roan mountain sedge)

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – site of old CCC Camp 5 where Tallulah River Campground is located

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Charlies Creek ID Number: 5210  
 Ranger District: Tallulah Quad(s): Hightower Bald

Segment: From State line to Tallulah River

Segment Miles 4.4  
 NF Ownership 4.4  
 Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Slightly above average and could be included into eligibility if support for the stretch from Flat Branch to Tallulah River was there. Scenic values are its strong points. 7/97 moc/jjp

**SCENIC VALUES** (class B) – gorge at lower end; boulders and falls; good cascades

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span of Attraction:** (class C) – used for fishing, ORV use, hunting, digging amethyst rock. Users are local; rock diggers come from farther away; camping  
**Water Sports:** (class C) – no  
**Fishing:** (class C) – stocked; designated as a year-round trout stream, pretty good access road adjacent/nearby

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none outstanding

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical deer woods

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – none outstanding

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – none outstanding

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – old amethyst mine

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Coleman River ID Number: 5220  
Ranger District: Tallulah Quad(s): Hightower Bald

Segment: From near source in North Carolina to Southern Nantahala Wilderness boundary in Georgia (1.9 mi.); from wilderness boundary to end of second piece of private land (2.3 mi.); from end of second piece of private land to Tallulah River (2.0 mi.)

Segment Miles 5.2  
NF Ownership 4.1  
Private Lands 1.3

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** ORV is scenic. Should be considered for further study with Tallulah River. 7/97 moc/jjp

Chattahoochee Wilderness Boundary (State line)	1.38 miles	=	442 ac.
NF Ownership to Scenic Area (suitable)	<u>1.43</u>	=	<u>458 ac.</u>
Scenic Area	<u>1.28</u>	=	<u>409 ac.</u>
	4.9		

Lower end is 15 to 25 feet wide. Water is clear; flows year-round. Forest type in lower end is hemlock along the stream and white pine up the hillsides.

### SCENIC VALUES

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class A) – know as the Coleman River Roughs. Very steep slopes on both sides; rock outcrops. Above private tracts is typical riffle areas common to Blue Ridge streams right up into North Carolina

**Vegetation:** (class B) – some large older trees; rhododendron; in middle section goes through private fields

**Water Features:** (class A) – no major waterfalls, but numerous large boulders creating cascades and smaller falls all along trail

### RECREATIONAL VALUES

**Span of Attraction:** (class B) – users come from 100 mile radius; draws people from adjacent Tallulah River campground; very popular for hiking on the one mile trail at lower end

**Water Sports:** (class C)

**Fishing:** (class B) – artificial lures only; not as much fishing use as Tallulah River, hard to fish with the tight canopy

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class B) – gorgelike portion along trail; a balanced rock on tributary; close as a geologic feature as possible

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – *Eumeces anthracinus* (coal skink)

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – no different than Tallulah River

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – nothing outstanding

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – Wheeler rock shelter

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Sarah's Creek/Warwoman Creek ID Number: 5300

Ranger District: Tallulah Quad(s): Rabun Bald

Segment: Sarah's Creek  
Segment Miles 5.9  
NF Ownership 5.7  
Private Lands .2

Segment: Warwoman Creek  
Segment Miles \_\_\_\_\_  
NF Ownership 3.9  
Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Average Blue Ridge streams; heavily farmed and gold mined; part of Warwomen (½ mile) is already included in the Chattooga WSR; many roads and no outstandingly remarkable values. Should not be considered further. 7/97 moc/jjp

**SCENIC VALUES** (class B) – one steep place, nice vegetation, Sarah's Creek Falls

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span of Attraction:** (class B) – users from statewide, for fishing, camping, hunting, and horseback riding

**Water Sports:** (class C) – no

**Fishing:** (class B) – heavily stocked; number 2 in the state

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none outstanding

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical deer woods

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – none outstanding

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – *Lygodium palmatum* - not sensitive, now a conservation species; occurs ½ mile away from Warwoman

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – old evidence of past gold mining/farming



**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Moccasin Creek ID Number: 5330  
 Ranger District: Tallulah Quad(s): Lake Burton

Segment: From near source (both forks) to private/State land at Lake Burton

Segment Miles	<u>5.5</u>	
NF Ownership	<u>5.0</u>	<u>1600 ac.</u>
Private Lands	<u>0.5</u>	

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Above average Blue Ridge stream, State fish hatchery and State Park at lower end (confluence with Lake Burton); ranks below Overflow, Coleman River, and Tallulah River. Could be considered for eligibility due to popularity and use by State of Georgia. 7/97 moc/jjp

Width at mid-segment is about 10 to 15 feet, at lower end approximately 25 to 30 feet wide. General forest type is oak/hickory. Stream provides the water source for GA DNR fish hatchery. Flows into Lake Burton.

**SCENIC VALUES**

- Adjacent Landforms:** (class B) – bottom part is gorgy, more scenic; but similar to streams in the area—Wildcat, Popcorn, etc.
- Vegetation:** (class B) – vegetation generally typical of the area; wildlife openings visible
- Water Features:** (class B) – two waterfalls, approximately 25 feet; rapids and cascades

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

- Span of Attraction:** (class C) – primarily local visitors; other visitors come from the State Park and the fish hatchery. Typical use is fishing, hiking, and hunting in the area
- Water Sports:** (class C)
- Fishing:** (class B) – native brook trout in the headwaters; stocked in the lower part; lower end is set aside as handicap access

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class B) – some gorge area; earth slide caused bedrock exposure above the second waterfall

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class B) – *Tamiascurius hudsonius* (squirrel)

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – typical of Blue Ridge

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – typical

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class B) – site of old CCC campsite; site of old logging camp; narrow gauge railroad grade runs along stream; evidence of trestles

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Holcomb Creek ID Number: 5410  
 Ranger District: Tallulah Quad(s): Satolah, Rabun Bald

Segment: Near source to Chattooga WSR at the West Fork (Three Forks area)

Segment Miles \_\_\_\_\_  
 NF Ownership 5.2  
 Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Lower 1/2 mile already in the Chattooga WSR; remainder of stream is very typically Blue Ridge. Should not be considered further for eligibility. 7/97 moc/jjp

**SCENIC VALUES** (class B) – steep but typical of local area; a good waterfall with a viewing platform. Vegetation is white pine and hemlock

**RECREATIONAL VALUES** (class C) – local fishing use; stocked; some camping

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none outstanding

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical of the Blue Ridge

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – nothing outstanding

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – none outstanding

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – remnants of old splash dam

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Emory Branch ID Number: 5411  
Ranger District: Tallulah Quad(s): Rabun Bald

Segment: Source to Holcomb Creek

Segment Miles \_\_\_\_\_  
NF Ownership 0.8  
Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Tiny stream; should not be considered for WSR. Averages from 4- to 6-foot width depending on rainfall. Typical of area. Class C for all categories. 7/97 moc/jjp

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Overflow Creek ID Number: 5420  
Ranger District: Tallulah Quad(s): Satolah

Segment: One mile into North Carolina to existing WSR boundary

Segment Miles	<u>3.0</u>	<u>960 ac.</u>
NF Ownership	<u>3.0</u>	<u>          </u>
Private Lands	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** ORVs include segment of remote/very inaccessible. Should be considered for extending Chattooga WSR into North Carolina. 7/97 moc/jjp

Flows into West Fork of the Chattooga at Three Forks. Portion at Three Forks currently has wild and scenic river designation.

At upper end, at the big culvert, width averages 20 feet. Water is clear. Forest type is hemlock, white pine, and rhododendron.

**SCENIC VALUES**

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class B+) – gorge like, with some quiet water; very steep and inaccessible below culvert

**Vegetation:** (class C) – typical of area

**Water Features:** (class B) – an unnamed falls near the big culvert; rocky

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span of Attraction:** (class B) – local use for fishing north of Three Forks

**Water Sports:** (class B+) – some kayak use during high water; opportunities are limited by low water flow; Class IV and V rapids

**Fishing:** (class B) – small wild rainbow trout; eels; hard but good fishing experience due to inaccessibility

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none outstanding

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical; deer, turkey, and black bear

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – none outstanding

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – none outstanding

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – none outstanding

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Clear Creek ID Number: 5421

Ranger District: Tallulah Quad(s): Satolah

Segment: From near source in North Carolina to Overflow Creek

Segment Miles \_\_\_\_\_

NF Ownership 1.1

Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

<b>ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:</b> Should not be considered for WSR; just average. 7/97 moc/jjp
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Typical of the area. Fairly rough water with shoals. Farmland upstream in North Carolina creates lots of sediment. Class C for all categories.

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Big Creek ID Number: 5430  
Ranger District: Tallulah Quad(s): Satolah

Segment: From near North Carolina State line to West Fork of Chattooga WSR

Segment Miles 4.2  
NF Ownership 3.1  
Private Lands 1.1

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Average Blue Ridge stream; private land has impact. Could extend Chattooga WSR from present boundary to private land if supported, but no ORVs and should not be considered further. 7/97 moc/jjp

Flows into West Fork of the Chattooga at Three Forks. Lower ¼ mile portion at Three Forks currently has wild and scenic river designation.

**SCENIC VALUES**

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class B) – both ends somewhat steep and fairly rugged

**Vegetation:** (class C) – white pine common, private land use in middle

**Water Features:** (class B) – splash dam, some rough water and falls

**RECREATIONAL VALUES** (class C) – local fishing use; stocked at bridge

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none outstanding

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical, same as Overflow Creek

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – none outstanding

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – none outstanding

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – none presently outstanding

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Reed/Hedden/Ridley Creeks ID Number: 5500  
 Ranger District: Tallulah Quad(s): Satolah  
 Segment: Source of Reed Creek flowing into Hedden Creek to Tallulah River  
 Segment: Ridley Branch  
 Segment Miles 7.2 Segment Miles 1.1  
 NF Ownership 7.0 NF Ownership \_\_\_\_\_  
 Private Lands .2 Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:</b> Above average streams but should not be considered eligible further when compared to Overflow-Coleman-Tallulah or even Moccasin. 7/97 moc/jjp</p>
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**SCENIC VALUES**

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class B) – upper end gorge; lower end ¼ mile above river steep gorge with cascades. In between ends, is typical of the area

**Vegetation:** (class B) – too much white pine for exceptional variety

**Water Features:** (class B) – cascades in gorge

**RECREATIONAL VALUES** (class C+) – mostly local use for fishing. Draws much interest from Trout Unlimited; a lot of fish structures-wedge dams, constrictors and other habitat enhancement devices/use is evident. Stocked.

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none outstanding, but area is rugged

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typically Blue Ridge

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – none outstanding

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class B) –

*Isotria medeoloides* - federally listed

*Huperzia appalachiana* (fir club moss) – FS R8 sensitive

*Shortia galactifolia* (Oconee bells) – FS R8 sensitive -a small population (2m x 3m) is the only known occurrence

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – none at present are outstanding

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Lick Log Creek ID Number: 5600  
Ranger District: Tallulah Quad(s): Rainy Mountain

Segment:

Segment Miles 3.2  
NF Ownership 3.2  
Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Average Blue Ridge stream. Should not be considered further. 7/97 moc/jjp

**SCENIC VALUES**

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class C) – typical of the area; pretty flat

**Vegetation:** (class B) – a lot of white pine

**Water Features:** (class C) – fast-flowing shoals at lower end

**RECREATIONAL VALUES** (class C) – locals only; more hunting use than fishing; slight fishing use off end of Lick Log road

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none outstanding

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical Blue Ridge animals

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – none outstanding

*Notropis galacturus* not on Federal of FS RS list

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – none on record

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – none outstanding



**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Cliff Creek ID Number: 5700  
 Ranger District: Tallulah Quad(s): Rainy Mountain, Tiger

Segment: Near source to Chattooga WSR

Segment Miles 6.3  
 NF Ownership 5.2  
 Private Lands 1.1

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Very average stream. Should not be considered for further consideration. 7/97 moc/jjp

Typical of area. Hunting is main recreation use in this area. Class C for all categories. Lower ¼ mile is in the Chattooga WSR corridor.

**CHATTOOGA RANGER DISTRICT****Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**Name of Stream: Chattahoochee River - Segment 1 ID Number: 6100Ranger District: Chattooga Quad(s): Jacks Gap

Segment: From near source at Chattahoochee Gap to Mark Trail Wilderness

Segment Miles	<u>1.3</u>	<u>416 ac.</u>
NF Ownership	<u>1.3</u>	<u>                    </u>
Private Lands	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>

<b>ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:</b> Scenic values are above average due to the lack of access. Should be considered further. 3/5/97 moc/jjp
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—See the following segment of the Chattahoochee—

**SCENIC VALUES****Adjacent Landforms:** (class B)**Vegetation:** (class A)**Water Features:** (class B)**RECREATIONAL VALUES****Span of Attraction:** (class B+) – no trails access stream, but there is much interest (particularly by reporters) in hiking to the source of the Chattahoochee River; wild**Water Sports:** (class C) – none**Fishing:** (class C) – typical wade/fly fishing**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C+) – typical formations**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C)**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – does contain native trout**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C)**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C)

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Chattahoochee River - Segment 2 ID Number: 6100  
 Ranger District: Chattooga Quad(s): Jacks Gap

Segment: From wilderness boundary to Old Turnpike crossing

Segment Miles	<u>1.3</u>	<u>416 ac.</u>
NF Ownership	<u>1.3</u>	<u>                    </u>
Private Lands	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** A common stretch of stream as compared to other Blue Ridge streams. Should be considered further due to the #1 and #3 segments. 3/6/97 moc/jjp

**SCENIC VALUES**

- Adjacent Landforms:** (class C) – rather flat for the area
- Vegetation:** (class B)
- Water Features:** (class C) – typical, not even large rocks present in stream

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

- Span of Attraction:** (class B+) – Upper Chattahoochee Campground lies along river. Visitors come for fishing, camping, and hiking to Horsetrough Falls
- Water Sports:** (class C) – river wading/sitting
- Fishing:** (class B) – heavily stocked and heavily fished; high success rate

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none (waterfall is as geologic as it gets)

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – Blue Ridge types—deer, turkey, and bear

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – none outstanding

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – typical

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – past logging evidence

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Chattahoochee River - Segment 3 ID Number: 6100

Ranger District: Chattooga Quad(s): Jacks Gap, Cowrock

Segment: From Old Turnpike crossing to Martin Branch Bridge (4.4 miles).

Segment: From bridge to Robertstown (private land) 1.0 mile (320 ac.) (recreational)  
(Segment 4)

Segment Miles	<u>4.4</u>	<u>1408 ac.</u>
NF Ownership	<u>4.4</u>	<u>                    </u>
Private Lands	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** A very isolated segment with no access other than wade up or down the stream channel; meets wild. Should be considered potential WSR. 3/6/97  
moc/jjp

Approximately 30-feet wide in this section; width is fairly consistent, as it is confined in a gorge like area. General forest type is white pine-hemlock-yellow poplar. An old railroad grade runs along the entire segment.

**SCENIC VALUES**

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class A) – very steep sides with a lot of exposed rock. Some place with exposed cliff line, mostly one side or the other; sometimes both sides

**Vegetation:** (class B)

**Water Features:** (class B) – has the usual amount of typically sized rock in stream; numerous areas of cascades; one waterfall of note—40-feet high

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span of Attraction:** (class C) – currently there is no access to this segment; therefore, there is no use

**Water Sports:** (class C) – not floatable due to too much blowdown in stream and constricted flow between rocks. Not much flow (depth) in summer

**Fishing:** (class C+) – not known because lack of access-good experience if willing to hike in to fish

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class B) – very steep but not geologically outstanding

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – nothing outstanding

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – nothing outstanding

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – nothing identified previously

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) - past logging evidence (1910–1925)

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Henson Creek ID Number: 6110

Ranger District: Chattooga Quad(s): Jacks Gap

Segment: From source to Chattahoochee River

Segment Miles 2.0

NF Ownership 2.0

Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Typical Blue Ridge stream; unremarkable. Should not be considered further.  
3/6/96 moc/jjp

Lies almost entirely in wilderness area.

Very typical of the area; class C for all categories.

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Jasus Creek ID Number: 6120

Ranger District: Chattooga Quad(s): Jacks Gap

Segment: Road 44B crossing to Chattahoochee River

Segment Miles 2.1

NF Ownership 2.1

Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:</b> Typical Blue Ridge stream; no outstandingly remarkable features. Should not be considered further. 3/6/97 moc/jjp</p>
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Very typical of the area.

**SCENIC VALUES**

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class C)

**Vegetation:** (class B)

**Water Features:** (class C) – flows downhill

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span of Attraction:** (class B) – popular with campers

**Water Sports:** (class C)

**Fishing:** (class C)

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none outstanding

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – none outstanding

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – none outstanding

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – none outstanding

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – none present or identified

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Low Gap Creek & England Branch ID Number: 6130 & 131  
 Ranger District: Chattooga Quad(s): Jacks Gap

Segment: From sources to Chattahoochee River

Segment Miles 3.7  
 NF Ownership 3.7  
 Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:</b> Slightly above average when compared to other Blue Ridge streams. Should not be considered for further WSR consideration. 3/6/97 moc/jjp</p>
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Upper section is in Mark Trail Wilderness. Lower section planned to have a campground developed much like the Upper Chattahoochee campground; streamside camping within riparian area to be stopped.

**SCENIC VALUES**

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class B) – nice mountainsides

**Vegetation:** (class B) – good variety, much like the Chattahoochee

**Water Features:** (class B) – some rocks and fast flow

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span of Attraction:** (class B) – very popular for dispersed camping

**Water Sports:** (class C) – splashing in pools

**Fishing:** (class B) – above average; heavily stocked

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) --no outstanding habitats or critters

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – none identified

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class B) – leatherwood in the campground area (not a Federal or FS R8 listed species) but adds to vegetations variety

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – past logging evidence

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Dukes Creek ID Number: 6140  
Ranger District: Chattooga Quad(s): Cowrock

Segment: From FDR # 244 through falls area and private "Smithgall Woods" to the Highway 356 bridge; includes Davis Creek to above falls— $\frac{1}{4}$  mile

Segment Miles	<u>3.25</u>	
NF Ownership	<u>2.10</u>	<u>672 ac.</u>
Private Lands	<u>1.15</u>	

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Above average; has outstanding water features; should be considered in conjunction with Dodd Creek for further study.  
3/6/97 moc/jjp

25-feet wide, swift water, white pine-hemlock, popular location

**SCENIC VALUES**

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class B) – starts flat, becomes gorgy

**Vegetation:** (class B)

**Water Features:** (class A) – lower section contains Dukes Creek Falls, which is actually Davis Creek and just about falls directly into Dukes; other cascades and rocks and small falls in the area (falls is within the  $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile corridor of Dukes Creek)

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span of Attraction:** (class B+) – visitors are from statewide and beyond, due to the influence of the Helen area (extensive boardwalks at falls area)

**Water Sports:** (class C) – access is very limited near the falls area

**Fishing:** (class B) – managed native brook trout stream

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class B) – much exposed rock

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – none outstanding

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C)

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class B) – *Carex ruthii* (Ruth's sedge) a FS R8 listed sensitive species; *Juncus gymnocarpus* (naked fruit rush) not a Federal or FS R8 listed species

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class B) – past logging evidence, home sites



**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Bear Den Creek ID Number: 6141

Ranger District: Chattooga Quad(s): Cowrock

Segment: From source to Dukes/Dodd Creeks confluence

Segment Miles 2.5

NF Ownership 2.5

Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Nice small stream. Should not be considered further. 3/6/97 moc/jjp

Very typical; has not had forest management; is a popular hiking area.

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Dodd Creek ID Number: 6142  
Ranger District: Chattooga Quad(s): Cowrock

Segment: Source to Dukes Creek to the FDR # 244 crossing

Segment Miles	<u>2.75</u>	<u>880 ac.</u>
NF Ownership	<u>2.75</u>	<u>          </u>
Private Lands	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** above average. Geologic features are outstandingly remarkable. Vegetation is outstanding, too. Should be considered further for WSR in conjunction with Dukes Creek. 3/12/97 moc/jjp

Lies within Raven Cliffs Wilderness Area—15–20-foot wide

**SCENIC VALUES**

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class B)

**Vegetation:** (class A) – good variety; unbroken coverage

**Water Features:** (class B) – Raven Cliffs Falls, Dodd Creek Falls, three good waterfalls, and many large rocks in watercourse

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span of Attraction:** (class B+) – received tremendous amount of use and statewide interest; mainly hiking use

**Water Sports:** (class C) – none other than waterfall sitting

**Fishing:** (class C) – average native brook trout stream

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class A) – Raven Cliffs is a unique formation. The creek falls down through a crevice in the cliffs; there is a series of cascades prior to the creek passing into the crevice. Biotite Gneiss is the metamorphic rock that is the basis of the waterfalls and cascades. Cliffs are approximately 150 feet high

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – typical

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – nothing out of the ordinary

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – past logging evidence (1910–1925)

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Spoilcane Creek ID Number: 6150  
 Ranger District: Chattooga Quad(s): Jacks Gap, Helen, Tray Mountain

Segment: From source to Chattahoochee River

Segment Miles 4.5  
 NF Ownership 4.5  
 Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Mostly typical Blue Ridge stream. Should not be considered further for WSR.  
 3/12/97 moc/jjp

Due to its accessibility, this stream takes some pressure off of the Chattahoochee’s headwaters by allowing people to get their “river fix.”

**SCENIC VALUES**

- Adjacent Landforms:** (class C)
- Vegetation:** (class C) – highway influence
- Water Features:** (class B) – pretty waterfalls at head

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

- Span of Attraction:** (class C) – Fishing and hiking usage; gets users from the nearby Airstream Trailer Park
- Water Sports:** (class C)
- Fishing:** (class C)

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C)

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C)

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C)

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – contains largest undisturbed section of Unicoi Turnpike; pretty well impacted by humans—past and present

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Smith Creek ID Number: 6160

Ranger District: Chattooga Quad(s): Helen, Tray Mountain

Segment: From Anna Ruby Falls to Unicoi Lake

Segment Miles	<u>1.5</u>
NF Ownership	<u>1.0</u>
Private Lands	<u>0.5</u>

<p><b>ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:</b> Stream is above average compared to other Blue Ridge streams; very short segment available; already contained within scenic area; could be considered for a forest designation of some type of WSR. Should not be considered further for National WSR. 3/12/97 moc/jjp</p>
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Stream is totally within the Anna Ruby Scenic Area, 10–15 feet wide, and Unicoi State Park.

**SCENIC VALUES**

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class B)

**Vegetation:** (class B)

**Water Features:** (class B) – creek starts at Anna Ruby Falls, which is a twin falls created by a 153-foot fall from Curtis Creek and the 50-foot York Creek Fall; large rocks within stream below falls for ½ mile

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span of Attraction:** (class A) – attracts visitors from all over nation; many are in the area visiting Helen and Unicoi State Park. Main activities are hiking the paved trail along the creek and viewing the waterfalls. Paved access road to very busy visitors' center is also adjacent/on top of creek

**Water Sports:** (class C) – none

**Fishing:** (class C) – fishable areas are small. Occasionally a large “pet” trout escapes from the visitor center

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – typical Blue Ridge features

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – none outstanding

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – none outstanding

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – none outstanding

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – none outstanding

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream:     Middle Fork Broad River     ID Number:     6300    

Ranger District:     Chattooga     Quad(s):     Ayersville, Lake Russell    

Segment: From source on Government land to private land/Well Shoal Lake (res 44)

Segment Miles     7.0      
 NF Ownership     7.0      
 Private Lands             

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** A common looking stream that when compared to either Piedmont (Oconee) streams or Blue Ridge streams; it falls short. Could be considered for a forest designation, but not further National WSR consideration.  
 3/12/97 moc/jjp

10–20 feet wide, slower moving, splits large block of NF ownership; pine and yellow poplars on creek.

**SCENIC VALUES** (class C+) – lots of regeneration visible; southern pine beetle has had an effect on surrounding area; there is a waterfall where stream drops into the lake (on private land). (Compared to Panther and Davidson Creeks)

**RECREATIONAL VALUES** (class C) – local interest; hiking trail along a large portion of the creek; a put-and-take stream

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none outstanding

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – none outstanding

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – none outstanding

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C)

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class B) – lots of historic sites

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Panther Creek ID Number: 6400

Ranger District: Chattooga Quad(s): Tallulah Falls, Tugaloo Lake

Segment: From picnic area on Old Highway 441  
to Tugaloo River

Segment	8.0
Miles	
NF Ownership	<u>8.0</u>
Private Lands	
Shared body	<u>1.14</u>
	miles

<p><b>ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:</b> Above average stream; botanicals are outstandingly remarkable; creek is really two faced—one above the falls is sort of calm-above average, but very scenic; while the stretch from the falls to the iron footbridge is rugged and steep with a gorgy feel - very much like Davidson Creek. Panther Creek is located partly within the Panther Creek Botanical Area and vegetative diversity is the comparison used to measure other streams botanical strengths within the defined region. Should be considered for further study for suitability in the National WSR in conjunction with Davidson Creek. 3/12/97 moc/jjp</p>
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10–40 feet, deep water in sections.  
Varied pine/mesic hardwoods/cove hardwood

#### SCENIC VALUES

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class A) – in vicinity of falls, a gorgelike cliff borders one side of the river. Other areas of the river have landforms more typical of Upper Piedmont streams

**Vegetation:** (class B) – some pasture and regeneration areas visible at lower end; some scattered big trees

**Water Features:** (class B+) – Panther Creek Falls and cascade area above falls; rocky stream below falls with gorgelike qualities and cliffs and swift H<sub>2</sub>O. Susceptible to siltation due to private land above the picnic area

#### RECREATIONAL VALUES

**Span of Attraction:** (class B) – draws visitors statewide; one main trail down the drainage, with dispersed camping; very heavy use

**Water Sports:** (class C) – waterfall is large and is very accessible to play

**Fishing:** (class C) – influence of private land at upper end creates heavy sediment loading that has some negative impact on fish habitat

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class B) – lies in same Brevard Fault zone as Tallulah Gorge and Brasstown Creek (in South Carolina)

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – very typical deer and turkey habitats

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – no known T&E species have been collected in this stream or this drainage

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class A) – **high botanical diversity**; 598 acres is set aside as a special botanical area. Persistent trillium occurs along a quarter mile stretch at lower end. Although not completely surveyed, the potential is there for it to occur along other stretches of the stream. (Only four populations are known globally, three in Georgia and one in South Carolina [ref: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, *Persistent Trillium Recovery Plan*, 1984.] Per the plan, most plants are found on private land—some of which were subsequently acquired by the Forest Service.) Two sensitive species (FS Southern Region list) occur along the creek corridor: *Trillium discolor* (faded trillium), and *Waldsteinia lobedia* (Piedmont strawberry)

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class B) – Indian village site; past logging evidence

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Davidson Creek ID Number: 6410

Ranger District: Chattooga Quad(s): Tallulah Falls, Tugaloo Lake

Segment: From Lawson Lake to confluence with Panther Creek

Segment	4.5	1440 ac.
Miles	<u>4.5</u>	<u>                    </u>
NF Ownership	<u>4.5</u>	<u>                    </u>
Private Lands	<u>scattered</u>	<u>                    </u>

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Very clean and surprisingly rugged, more so than Panther; wild compared to Panther. Outstandingly remarkable for its adjacent landforms and it forms the southwestern side of Panther Creek Botanical Area. Should be considered for further study, along with Panther Creek, for National WSR. 3/12/97 moc/jjp

Approximately 15-foot wide. A buried pipeline was installed 12 years ago along an old roadbed that follows the creek, but not necessarily adjacent to it. Pipeline has very narrow ROW, almost unnoticeable

**SCENIC VALUES**

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class A) – steepest land in the ranger district—from 70 to 80 percent slopes, cliff lines in places

**Vegetation:** (class B) – diverse plants

**Water Features:** (class B+) – very fast and rocky, gorgy, and three waterfalls

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span of Attraction:** (class C) – local use only, due to inaccessibility and lack of knowledge about the area; very wild-remote feeling in gorgy area

**Water Sports:** (class C) -- none due to no knowledge of area

**Fishing:** (class C) – just minimal pressure in the one-fourth up from Panther Creek

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class B) – limestone; Brevard Fault line, cliff lines

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical, similar to Panther Creek

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – no known T&E species

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class B+) – southwestern edge of Panther Creek Botanical Area

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – lime kiln



**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Goshen Creek ID Number: 6510  
Ranger District: Chattooga Quad(s): Lake Burton, Tray Mountain

Segment: From near sources to private land; mileage includes all stretches—North, Middle, and South Prongs; Wolfpen Branch

Segment Miles 2.7  
NF Ownership 6.23 1994 ac.  
Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Water and vegetation are outstandingly remarkable; wild. Should be considered further for further study.  
3/12/97 moc/jjp

Lies in the Tray Mountain Wilderness. Access from lower end must be arranged with adjoining private landowner.

**SCENIC VALUES**

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class B) – gorge like on left fork around and above falls

**Vegetation:** (class A) – has not been logged since turn of the century; a big fire occurred in the 1950s and a scattered number of big trees survived the fire. Typical hemlock, white pine, and yellow poplar

**Water Features:** (class A) – two waterfalls with cascades; some big rocks

**RECREATIONAL VALUES** (class C) – no one knows about it; within wilderness—too far from the road and no trails

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class B) – cliff line very prominent within the ¼ mile on northern side of left fork toward the Middle Prong

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical deer, turkey, and squirrels

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – no T&E species know at this time

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – none outstanding

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – some past logging evidence (1910–1920)

**OCONEE RANGER DISTRICT****Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**Name of Stream: Apalachee Creek ID Number: 8100Ranger District: Oconee Quad(s): Greshamville, Apalachee

Segment: Beginning of NF ownership to Hard Labor Creek

Segment Miles 6.25

NF Ownership \_\_\_\_\_

Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:</b> No outstandingly remarkable values. Vegetation is not impacted as much as some streams but compared to others not as good. Should not be considered for National WSR. Typical. 4/22/97 moc/jjp</p>
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Average width is 35 feet. The general forest type is swamp and bottomland hardwoods, with water tupelo. Not much NF ownership before reaching Lake Oconee influence.

**SCENIC VALUES****Adjacent Landforms:** (class C) – very common**Vegetation:** (class B+) – area is wetland and swamp; has not been entered in long-time forest management activities**Water Features:** (class C) – there are shoals far up on private land**RECREATIONAL VALUES** (class C) – very little, hunting and float fishing may occur, some canoeing**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – nothing of prominence**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical of the Piedmont—white-tailed deer and turkey**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – nothing of special interest**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – common vegetation**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – nothing of significance

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Cedar Creek and Big Cedar Creek ID Number: 8200  
 Ranger District: Oconee Quad(s): Hillsboro  
 Stanfordville, Resseaus Crossroads,

Segment: From Union Hill Church Road to Highway 129

Segment Miles 11.2  
 NF Ownership 8.7 2752 ac.  
 Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:</b> Outstandingly remarkable values are the vegetation and the surrounding stream bottoms, a nice example. Should be considered eligible. 4/22/97 moc/jjp</p>
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Average width is 16 feet. Lies within the Cedar Creek Wildlife Management Area. Forest type is bottomland hardwoods with a little pine on closer hills.

**SCENIC VALUES**

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class B) – surrounding terrain is steeper than typical of the area wide, open bottom area

**Vegetation:** (class A) – there are some big trees in creek bottom, some pretty areas, and some open areas

**Water Features:** (class B) – shoals occur, deeply cut into bottomland soil, perhaps 8–10 feet at normal flow. Flood stage mud line on tree trunks is approximately 4 feet up the bottomland trees

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span of Attraction:** (class B) – typical recreation centers on hunting. The WMA attracts visitors from a 250-mile radius

**Water Sports:** (class C) – no water sports use

**Fishing:** (class C) – fishing is done at the highway crossing only

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class B) – rocks in stream (Piedmont rocks)

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical of the Piedmont

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – typical of Piedmont streams

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – common for region

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – nothing of significance

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Rock Creek ID Number: 8210  
 Ranger District: Oconee Quad(s): Stanfordville, Resseaus Crossroads

Segment: From Union Hill Church Road to confluence with Cedar Creek

Segment Miles 4.5  
 NF Ownership 4.5  
 Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Above average when compared to some Piedmont streams; no outstandingly remarkable values. It is a small stream. Should not be considered further for WSR  
 4/22/97 moc/jjp

Average width is from 8 to 10 feet. There is a diversified forest type of pine and hardwood mix.

**SCENIC VALUES** (class B) – there are some steep banks adjacent to the river, walnut areas, shoals throughout, and rocks in the creek bed

**RECREATIONAL VALUES** (class B) – very similar to Cedar/Big Cedar Creeks. Focus of recreation is on hunting. No water sports or organized fishing use

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class B) – some exposed bedrock, nothing extraordinary

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typically Piedmont

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – nothing special

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – very common

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – nothing of significance

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Little River ID Number: 8300  
 Ranger District: Oconee Quad(s): Eatonton, Rock Eagle, Shady Dale

Segment: From NF boundary to Glenwood Springs/Lake Sinclair

Segment Miles	<u>14.1</u>	
NF Ownership	<u>9.</u>	<u>2880 ac.</u>
Private Lands	State	
	<u>5</u>	

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Outstandingly remarkable value is scenic. Canoeable. Should be considered for further study. 4/22/97 moc/jjp

A diverse forest type; bottomland hardwood and some pine. City of Eatonton has a pumping station at one point. Water clarity is better than most Piedmont streams.

**SCENIC VALUES** (class A) – some good scenery along the river; shoals, rapids, and rock outcrops; a 3-foot waterfall

**RECREATIONAL VALUES** (class C)

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class B) – has a cave, a big rock outcropping

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typically Piedmont

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – common

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – typical

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class B) – old textile mill site (on private land)

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Murder Creek ID Number: 8400

Ranger District: Oconee Quad(s): Smithboro, Eatonton

Segment: From Highway 16 to Highway 129

Segment Miles	<u>13.0</u>	
NF Ownership	<u>10.7</u>	<u>3424 ac.</u>
Private Lands	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Outstandingly remarkable values are in vegetation and water features; Murder Creek Research Natural Area is along a portion of the stream. Should be considered eligible. 4/22/97 moc/jjp

Average width is 30 feet. Bottomland hardwood with very little pine

**SCENIC VALUES**

Adjacent Landforms: (class B) – steeper banks

**Vegetation:** (class A) – swampy in areas, bottomland species

**Water Features:** (class A) – Murder Creek Falls is only significant waterfall on the district; 8 feet high and 70 feet wide. Lake Sinclair influence at bottom of falls

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span of Attraction:** (class C) – typical users come from 100-mile radius for floating, swimming, and fishing; some hiking within bottomland

**Water Sports:** (class B) – canoeing; tube floating in the lower section. There are a lot of shoals

**Fishing:** (class C) – typical

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class B) – many shoals or outcrops within the water influence zone

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typical Piedmont

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – common

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class A) – lies within a research natural area. Occurrence of *Scutellaria nervosa* (not federally or regionally listed)

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class B) – a number of old grist mill sites

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Ocmulgee River ID Number: 8500  
 Ranger District: Oconee Quad(s): Lloyd Shoals, Berner, Dames Ferry

Segment: From Lloyd Shoals Dam on Lake Jackson to Highway 18  
 Three segments: 1.1 miles; 13.25 miles; 12.7 miles

Segment Miles	<u>27.0</u>	
	<u>5</u>	
NF Ownership	<u>12.7</u>	<u>4064 ac.</u>
Private Lands	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Outstandingly remarkable values include scenic and water features, by far the largest of Oconee streams. Should be considered for further study. 4/22/97 moc/jjp

Average width is 1/8 mile. This is probably the fastest flowing of all Oconee NF streams. General forest type is bottomland hardwood, although there are not any large bottom areas to speak of along the main river. Smaller feeder streams have larger, open parklike bottoms. One of the major rivers of Georgia.

Busy railroad follows river from Juliette past Dames Ferry. Frequent trains—about one per hour. Horn blowing for grade crossings, and sharp curves that create very high pitched squealing of wheels—all create a very noisy passing that can be heard clearly all along the river (and up Falling Creek)

**SCENIC VALUES**

- Adjacent Landforms:** (class A) – steep banks, islands, and rock outcroppings
- Vegetation:** (class B) – a variety; big pastures on private side
- Water Features:** (class A) – rocks, rapids, and shoals

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

- Span of Attraction:** (class B) – popular for fishing and floating, and hunting in the area. Draws from a 250-mile radius. Has a lot heavier recreation use than other rivers in the Piedmont region
- Water Sports:** (class C) – opportunities for boating and canoeing. Currently there are three boat ramp sites; possibility for future ones further south
- Fishing:** (class C) – success rate and size of take is typical for the area

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none of significance

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – reports of bald eagle sightings; wild hogs in area; in Hitchiti Experimental Forest, red-cockaded woodpecker clusters, may be outside the study corridor; Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – typical of a larger river

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – nothing of significance

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C+) – old mill sites at Smith Mill and Juliette; seven islands crossing was an Indian crossing



**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Wise Creek ID Number: 8510  
 Ranger District: Oconee Quad(s): Berner, Lloyd Shoals

Segment: From property line to Ocmulgee River

Segment Miles 1.9  
 NF Ownership \_\_\_\_\_  
 Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:</b> A common stream when NF ownership compared to other Piedmont streams. Should not be considered further. 4/22/97 moc/jjp</p>
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Average width is 15 feet. Water flows year-round. General forest type is mostly hardwood with some pine.

**SCENIC VALUES**

Adjacent Landforms: (class C) – some occasional steep banks

Vegetation: (class C)

Water Features: (class C) – contains a lot of silt

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

Span of Attraction: (class B) – horse club uses area; a trail runs along the creek, but it is to be done away with; bridge is out

Water Sports: (class C) – none

Fishing: (class C)

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none evident

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – typically Piedmont

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – common

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – typical

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – nothing of importance/significance

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Falling Creek (tributary of Ocmulgee River) ID Number: 8520  
Ranger District: Oconee Quad(s): Dames Ferry

Segment: Confluence with Ocmulgee through Piedmont Wildlife Refuge to near source; Little Falling Creek near source at the boundary w/Piedmont National Wildlife and Oconee NF to confluence with Falling Creek

Segment Miles	<u>15 + 5</u>	
NF Ownership	<u>6.15</u>	<u>1968 ac.</u>
Private Lands	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** Outstandingly remarkable value is scenic. Should be considered for further study (perhaps in conjunction with Ocmulgee River). 4/22/97 moc/jjp

Width is approximately 20 feet at upper end; 40 feet at lower end. Lies generally within the Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge and the Hitchiti Experimental Forest. General forest is bottomland hardwood (hackberry,; black walnut, sycamore, and water oak); some are quite large. Scattered, large loblolly pine occurs; the closest thing to old growth on the Oconee NF or Piedmont Refuge. These trees are the comparison being used against other streams.

### SCENIC VALUES

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class A) – steep slopes, greater than 20 percent; open woods on fringes of stream

**Vegetation:** (class A) – bottoms are open and parklike within the Hitchiti Experimental Forest; a few very large loblolly pines upwards to 36 inches diameter and 120 feet high. Pines 28–30 inches and 110 feet high are common the first ½ mile up creek from the Ocmulgee River to the Jarrell Plantation Road Bridge

**Water Features:** (class A) – on Little Falling Creek, which runs into Falling Creek, is an extensive area of shoals and waterfalls over large rock outcroppings

### RECREATIONAL VALUES

**Span of Attraction:** (class B) – Hitchiti nature trail runs along creek for 3½ to 4 miles at lower end. Trail gets weekly use. Visitors are generally local

**Water Sports:** (class C) – lower quarter mile would be suitable for flat-bottom boats

**Fishing:** (class C) – average use

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class B) – at lower end, as stream nears the Ocmulgee, a cliff line rises approximately 20 feet in height from normal water flow

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class B) – Red-cockaded woodpeckers occur on ridges above the stream but are not within the quarter mile study corridor; birds are not there because of the stream

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – common species

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class B) – North Slope hardwoods, which is unusual for the area; report of Oglethorpe oaks (did not locate)

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – nothing of significance

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Oconee River ID Number: 8600  
Ranger District: Oconee Quad(s): Barnett Shoals, Greshamville

Segment: From private land corner to Dyar Pasture

Segment Miles	<u>11</u>	
NF Ownership	<u>8.9</u>	<u>2848 ac.</u>
Private Lands	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:**

Outstandingly remarkable values are vegetation and cultural/historic. Should be considered eligible. 4/22/97 moc/jjp

Average width is 85 feet. Water flow at lower end is influenced by Georgia Power's use of Lake Oconee as a pump-storage lake. General forest type is bottomland hardwoods.

**SCENIC VALUES**

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class B) – steep banks occur at the boat ramp recreation area

**Vegetation:** (class A) – offers scenery not available on private land; bottomland hardwood with some big oaks; scattered pines

**Water Features:** (class B) – Scull Shoals area

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span of Attraction:** (class B) – extensive hunting and fishing use; also hiking and boating; duck and goose hunting toward fishing creek. Typical users come from within a 100-mile radius for fishing, farther for duck hunting

**Water Sports:** (class B) – small johnboats, fishing boats, canoes, and tubes

**Fishing:** (class B) – white bass from the lake spawn in the river. Fishing is highly successful

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – nothing of significance

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class B) – osprey occur at the Dyar Pasture area. Habitat is suitable for bald eagle

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – typically common

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – nothing known or out of the ordinary

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class B) – Scull Shoals Historical Area is an old settlement that lies along the river. Scull Shoals Archaeological Area is the site of three small prehistoric Indian mounds

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Greenbrier Creek ID Number: 8610  
 Ranger District: Oconee Quad(s): Greshamville

Segment: From private land to Lake Oconee

Segment Miles 4.4  
 NF Ownership \_\_\_\_\_  
 Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:** A common stream. Should not be considered further for WSR. 4/22/97 moc/jjp

Average width is 20 feet. The creek bed had been dredged and channelized 70 years ago; it has sort of reverted back. A typical bottomland hardwood area. Water tupelo occurs.

**SCENIC VALUES**

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class C) – fairly flat

**Vegetation:** (class C) – not near as pretty as Oconee River area

**Water Features:** (class C) – lots of beaver ponds create areas of standing water wetlands

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span of Attraction:** (class C) – duck hunting area; use is local

**Water Sports:** (class C) – none

**Fishing:** (class C)

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – osprey and eagle habitat on the lake

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – common

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – typical of Piedmont

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – nothing of significance

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Form  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Name of Stream: Falling Creek (tributary of Oconee River) ID Number: 8630

Ranger District: Oconee Quad(s): Greshamville

Segment: Oconee Church Road at waterfalls on private to confluence with Oconee River

Segment Miles 4

NF Ownership \_\_\_\_\_

Private Lands \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:</b> A little above average when compared to other Piedmont streams, but small. Should not be considered. . 4/22/97 moc/jjp</p>
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Average width is from 10 to 15 feet

**SCENIC VALUES**

**Adjacent Landforms:** (class C) – average

**Vegetation:** (class C) – very piedmont-ish

**Water Features:** (class A) – two areas of waterfalls; one lies on private land near upper limit of forest ownership; the other is on forestland

**RECREATIONAL VALUES**

**Span of Attraction:** (class C) – local

**Water Sports:** (class C) – laying in the waterfalls

**Fishing:** (class C) – typical

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES** (class C) – none

**WILDLIFE VALUES** (class C) – nothing but common

**FISH AND AQUATIC COMMUNITIES** (class C) – typical

**BOTANICAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES** (class C) – Piedmont typical

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES** (class C) – mill site near falls on private land

## **STREAMS ON THE CHATTAHOOCHEE NATIONAL FOREST RECOMMENDED FOR FURTHER STUDY FOR SUITABILITY**

For all streams that meet suitability, refer to the eligibility rankings/gradings for those streams.

**On the Chattahoochee NF, the eligible and suitable Blue Ridge section streams are:**

- 1. Overflow Creek** – this is an extension of the existing West Fork of the Chattooga River WSR, 3.0 miles (Tallulah Ranger District). This three-mile section would extend the West Fork to the North Carolina state line and join with the Nantahala National Forest. This section would be classified as wild and would be a logical extension for the existing WSR. **This section is suitable for further study to be included within the Wild and Scenic Rivers System.** The entire length is on National Forest.
- 2. Panther Creek/Davidson Creek** – 8.0 miles Panther, 4.5 for Davidson that flows into PC. (Chattooga Ranger District). These streams, while qualifying for eligibility, would not meet or withstand the pressures (popularity) that WSR may bring. The streams flow through a designated Botanic Area, and this area should not have additional pressures by recreationists. Because of this, these two streams are not suitable for inclusion into the Wild and Scenic Rivers System. **These two streams should be allocated into the 4.H. management prescription so the ORVs could continue to be enhanced or protected.**
- 3. Tallulah River/Coleman River** – 5.5 for Tallulah, and 5.0 for Coleman. (Tallulah Ranger District). These are two very different streams. The Tallulah is a very popular recreational fishing stream with developed camping opportunities along its banks. The Coleman is smaller and has a one-mile long foot trail along its banks but it does have small cascades and large boulders within its channel. Because of its size, it cannot be subjected to much of the pressures (potentially) brought by WSR designation, whereas the Tallulah could withstand those pressures. The Tallulah is easily accessible by gravel road that runs its length to Tate City on the North Carolina state line. **Both streams are eligible but both would be best served by being allocated into the 4.H. Management Prescription. If one stream was to be selected for further study for WSR suitability, then the Tallulah would be a better choice than the Coleman.**
- 4. Chattahoochee River** – 8.0 miles (Chattooga Ranger District). This eight-mile headwaters section of this river (all national forest) is a logical addition to the WSRS. It is the most famous/infamous river in Georgia because of its eventually flows through Atlanta and then becomes the state boundary with Alabama. It is the drinking water source for most of Atlanta. Most of the eligible

- 8 miles (6.8 miles) would be classified as wild. These sections are rather inaccessible and therefore not too popular. The stream cannot be floated, but trout fishermen and backpackers/campers have a great experience. **This stream can withstand the potential added pressures of WSR designation, and is therefore suitable for further study for the inclusion to the Wild and Scenic Rivers System.**
5. **Toccoa River** – 12.9 miles (Toccoa Ranger District). This is a fine and popular canoeing river with great potential for inclusion into the WSRS. But because of the varied ownership patterns that are checker boarded along the streams shoreline (50% is in private hands), national forest influence/management would not be effective to protect the ORVs on the entire length (approximately 25 miles). **This stream is not suitable for WSR inclusion at this time. The national forest portions should be allocated into management prescription 4.H., outstandingly remarkable streams, which will assure the ORVs on national forest are protected.**
  6. **Conasauga River/Jacks River** – 13 miles for the Conasauga. The Jacks flows into the Conasauga and is 14 miles (Armuchee-Cohutta Ranger District). These two rivers are logical additions to the Wild and Scenic River System. Their popularity and location (mostly within designated wilderness) gives them classifications of wild on most of their mileage. There is an additional 5 miles within Tennessee (Cherokee National Forest) that is part of the eligible sections. These streams have very clean watersheds and are very popular for snorkeling, camping, aquatics studies, and floating. **These two streams are suitable for further study for the inclusion into the Wild Scenic River System.**
  7. **Dukes/Dodd/Davis Creeks** – 4.2 miles (Chattooga Ranger District). While these streams are eligible, they are small and cannot be subjected too much of the pressures (potentially) brought by WSR designation. They are popular for camping and viewing the many waterfalls along their lengths. **These streams are not suitable for WSRS inclusion. These streams should be allocated into the 4.H management prescription to protect their ORVs.**
  8. **Cooper Creek** – 11.7 miles (Brasstown Ranger District). Camping is popular. While this stream is eligible, it is small and cannot be subjected too much of the pressures (potentially) brought by WSR designation. It is popular for camping and trout fishing along its length. **It is not suitable for WSRS inclusion and should be allocated into the 4.H management prescription to protect the ORVs.**
  9. **Cochran's Creek** – 3.7 miles (Toccoa Ranger District). Spectacular cascades. While this stream is eligible, it is small and cannot be subjected to much of the pressures (potentially) brought by WSR designation. It is not easily accessible for camping and viewing the many waterfalls along its length. In places it is



very dangerous. **This stream is not suitable for WSRS inclusion and should be allocated into the 4.H management prescription to protect its ORVs.**

10. **Left Fork Soquee** – 6.2 miles (Chattooga Ranger District). Small. While this stream is eligible, it is small and cannot be subjected to much of the pressures (potentially) brought by WSR designation. It is popular for camping. **This stream is not suitable for WSRS inclusion and should be allocated into the 4.H management prescription to protect its ORVs.**
11. **Corbin Creek** – 2.9 miles (Brasstown Ranger District). Camping is popular. Headwater for Hiawasee River. This stream is eligible, but is small and cannot be subjected to much of the pressures (potentially) brought by WSR designation. It is popular for camping and fishing. **This stream is not suitable for WSRS inclusion and should be allocated into the 4.H management prescription to protect its ORVs.**
12. **High Shoals Creek** – 2.75 miles (Brasstown Ranger District). Within Scenic area of same name. While this stream is eligible, it is small and cannot be subjected to much of the pressures (potentially) brought by WSR designation. It is popular for hiking and viewing the many waterfalls along its length. **It is not suitable for WSRS inclusion and should be allocated into the 4.H management prescription to protect its ORVs.**
13. **Canada Creek** – 1.6 miles (Toccoa Ranger District). Many small waterfalls. Headwaters of Toccoa River. Private land is around this stream and access is difficult. While this stream is eligible, it is small and cannot be subjected to much of the pressures (potentially) brought by WSR designation. Some camping and trout fishing takes place along its banks but **it is not suitable for WSRS inclusion. This stream should be allocated into the 4.H management prescription to protect its ORVs.**
14. **Moccasin Creek** – 5 miles (Tallulah Ranger District). Small with many small waterfalls and trails. While this stream is eligible, it is small and cannot be subjected to much of the pressures (potentially) brought by WSR designation. It is popular for hiking and viewing the many waterfalls along its length, and trout fishing is an activity that occurs, too. **It is not suitable for WSRS inclusion and should be allocated into the 4.H management prescription to protect its Outstandingly Remarkable Values.**

## **STREAMS ON THE OCONEE NATIONAL FOREST RECOMMENDED FOR FURTHER STUDY FOR SUITABILITY**

On the Oconee NF, the eligible and suitable Piedmont section streams are:

- 1. Ocmulgee River** – 11.1 miles. The largest river through central Georgia. It is a popular fishing river and has very good existing access points. Stream has met eligibility. There is private ownership along its length but national forest has 11 miles of streambank in large ownership blocks. Development on private ownership is almost non-existent. The river and its riparian corridor could withstand the potential pressures/notoriety brought about by WSR designation. It would become a popular floating/canoeing stream since it is wide and basically 3-4 foot deep, has large rock outcrops, is slow moving, and has good water quality for a piedmont stream. **This river is suitable for further study for inclusion into the Wild and Scenic River System.**
- 2. Murder Creek** – 10.7 miles. This large creek flows through the Murder Creek Research Natural Area (RNA). The purpose of the RNA is to study ecosystems with little human intervention and have no confined disturbances. WSR designation brings with it a level of disturbance that potentially would disrupt the RNA study purpose. The stream can be floated, but is small compared to the Ocmulgee River, and could not withstand added pressures that WSR popularity may bestow upon it. **It is not suitable for Wild and Scenic River designation. It should be allocated to management prescription 4.H to protect its ORVs.**
- 3. Little River** – 9.7 miles. This is a popular fishing and canoeing stream in the more northerly part of the Oconee NF. It has good existing access and already exhibits a riparian corridor that is resilient to human pressures. It is the stream in which the City of Eatonton draws its drinking water. **It is suitable for further study for inclusion into the Wild and Scenic River System.**
- 4. Falling Creek (Ocmulgee watershed)** – 6.6 miles. This stream, while meeting eligibility, **would not be a suitable candidate for WSR.** It is not floatable, but does have good access and is fished. The stream flows through the Hitchiti Experimental Forest that has management requirements quite different from WSR direction. The stream would not support the potential impacts that Wild and Scenic designation may bring. **It should be allocated to management prescription 4.H, that would protect and enhance the streams ORVs.**
- 5. Cedar Creek** – 9.1 miles. This stream is small in width with a very well defined stream channel. It flows on national forest and private land (industrial forestland) without much change. It is not floatable, but is fished. Because the stream crosses into private and national forest, and has a riparian corridor that would not be too resilient to added pressure/use from WSR designation, **it would not be suitable for inclusion into the Wild and**

**Scenic River System. Cedar Creek should be allocated into management prescription 4.H. to protect and enhance its ORVs.**

6. **Oconee River** – 8.5 miles. This is the second largest river on the Oconee NF. It flows south from Athens, GA. It is slow moving and quite laden with silt. It met eligibility with ORVs of ‘scenic’ for its riparian vegetation. It has some boating/canoeing and fishing. Access is good. But when compared to the Ocmulgee River or the Little River (both on Oconee), it just does not measure up for WSR designation. Oconee River is **not suitable for Wild and Scenic River System inclusion. It should be allocated into the 4.H management prescription that would enhance and protect its outstandingly remarkable values.**

The streams that are recommended in Alternative I for further study for suitability of being included into the wild and scenic river system are:

Table D- 3. Alternative I –Recommended Study Streams/Segments

Stream	Segments	Segment classes
Ocmulgee River	1	Scenic
Conasauga/Jacks	4	Wild, scenic/Wild, recreational.
Chattahoochee River	4	Wild, recreational, wild, recreational
Overflow	1	Wild
Little River	1	Scenic

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