

## APPENDIX F AGENCY COORDINATION



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United States Department of the Interior

National Park Service  
Chattahoochee River  
National Recreation Area  
1978 Island Ford Parkway  
Atlanta, Georgia 30350-3400



IN REPLY REFER TO:  
D18 (CHAT)

April 20, 2006

Jennifer Derby  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, SW  
Atlanta, GA, 30303

Dear Ms. Derby:

The purpose of this letter is to provide your office notice that the National Park Service has revised the alternatives for the General Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement for the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, Atlanta, Georgia. General Management Plans represent the broadest level of planning conducted by the National Park Service, and are intended to provide guidance for making informed decisions about the future of the park and specify resource conditions and visitor experiences to be achieved. This action requires compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the National Historic Preservation Act (Public Law NHPA) as well as other laws and National Park Service policies. More specific site locations, design and resource management plans for fishing, trails, etc. come later with ample opportunity for additional agency and public review and comment.

A Draft of the General Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement was sent to your office and made available for public review during the summer of 2004. This document is accessible on the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area park website: <http://www.nps.gov/chat/gmp.htm>. Public meetings on the draft plan were held and comments were received last year on the No Action and three action alternatives. Major concerns were voiced over boating use and access and angling access along the Chattahoochee River. In addition, the issue of increased access for such recreational opportunities as fishing, hiking, and mountain biking was raised. As a result of this public input, the National Park Service, in partnership with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, developed two new alternatives, identified as Alternative B and Alternative F. These alternatives were summarized in the November 2005 newsletter, which can be accessed at the website listed above by clicking on "Additional GMP Information."



The 2004 EIS, prepared in conjunction with the General Management Plan, is being updated in response to public concerns and to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The updated EIS will provide detailed descriptions of alternative management plans, including the two new alternatives discussed in the November 2005 newsletter. The alternative management plans discussed in the GMP/EIS would guide the management of the park under different management zoning concepts, as well as a no-action alternative as required by law. The updated EIS also will analyze the potential impacts associated with possible implementation of each alternative and will describe the rationale for choosing the preferred alternative.

We formally initiated consultation in 2001 when a scoping letter was mailed to your agency. The purpose of our current letter is to update you regarding the status of the project and to request your comments regarding any issues that you might have regarding the GMP/EIS and the two proposed new alternatives described in the November 2005 newsletter.

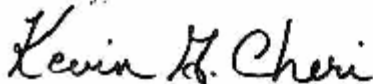
As soon as the revised EIS is completed, we will send it to you for your review, comment, and concurrence. We look forward to your participation and input on the planning process. We believe that your ongoing participation will continue to result in better planning for resource management, and will help ensure that resources are adequately considered during preparation of the plan and the accompanying Final EIS. Consultation and coordination with other governmental agencies and with interested publics is also underway.

Please send any comments you might have regarding this project to:

Chattahoochee River NRA  
1978 Island Ford Parkway  
Atlanta, GA 30350

Or by e-mail: [Chat\\_Superintendent@nps.gov](mailto:Chat_Superintendent@nps.gov)

Sincerely,



Kevin G. Cheri,  
Superintendent

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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
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Mr. Don Klima, Director  
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Advisory Council on Historic Preservation  
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1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 809  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Klima:

The purpose of this letter is to provide your office notice that the National Park Service has revised the alternatives for the General Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement for the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, Atlanta, Georgia. General Management Plans represent the broadest level of planning conducted by the National Park Service, and are intended to provide guidance for making informed decisions about the future of the park and specify resource conditions and visitor experiences to be achieved. This action requires compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the National Historic Preservation Act (Public Law NHPA) as well as other laws and National Park Service policies. More specific site locations, design and resource management plans for fishing, trails, etc. come later with ample opportunity for additional agency and public review and comment.

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In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR 800.3(c) and 36 CFR 800.8 (c), we are formally initiating Section 106 consultation with your office. The purpose of this letter is to update you regarding the status of the project, and to consult with your office in accordance with 36 CFR 800.3(c) and with the 1995 Servicewide Programmatic



Agreement among your office, the State Historic Preservation Officer, and the National Park Service (a copy of this letter has been sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer).

The 2004 EIS, prepared in conjunction with the General Management Plan, is being updated in response to public concerns and to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. This letter also serves to notify your office that we plan to use the revised EIS for the project to accomplish compliance for both Section 106 and the National Environmental Policy Act (as described in 36 CFR 800.8 (a-c)).

The updated EIS will provide detailed descriptions of alternative management plans, including the two new alternatives discussed in the November 2005 newsletter. The alternative management plans discussed in the GMP/EIS would guide the management of the park under different management zoning concepts, as well as a no-action alternative as required by law. The updated EIS also will analyze the potential impacts associated with possible implementation of each alternative and will describe the rationale for choosing the preferred alternative. These details will be reiterated in a Section 106 Summary in the EIS. Also contained in the EIS will be measures that would help avoid adverse effects on cultural resources.

The purpose of this letter is to request your comments regarding any issues that you might have regarding the GMP/EIS and the alternatives described in the November 2005 newsletter.

As soon as the revised EIS is completed, we will send it to you for your review, comment, and concurrence that the Section 106 process has been completed. We look forward to your participation and input on the planning process. We believe that your ongoing participation will continue to result in better planning for cultural resources management, and will help ensure that cultural resources are adequately considered during preparation of the plan and the accompanying Final EIS. Consultation and coordination with other governmental agencies and with interested publics also is underway.

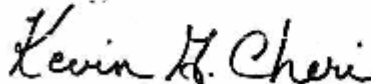
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Sincerely,



Kevin G. Cheri,  
Superintendent



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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
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Katrina Morris  
Environmental Review Coordinator  
Georgia Natural Heritage Program  
2117 US Hwy 278 SE  
Social Circle, GA 30025-4714

Dear Ms. Morris:

The purpose of this letter is to provide your office notice that the National Park Service has revised the alternatives for the General Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement for the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, Atlanta, Georgia. General Management Plans represent the broadest level of planning conducted by the National Park Service, and are intended to provide guidance for making informed decisions about the future of the park and specify resource conditions and visitor experiences to be achieved.

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The 2004 EIS, prepared in conjunction with the General Management Plan, is being updated in response to public concerns and to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The National Park Service would like to update the list of protected species that was provided by the Georgia Natural Heritage Program in 2001 for inclusion in the original EIS. It is understood that the requested information will include a list of potential or actual occurrences of protected species and special habitats within a radius of three miles around the park. A map of the park boundary is attached as well as a table that was constructed from the data provided in 2001. At that time, it was indicated that a species list had yet to be completed for Forsyth County, which borders the park. Also, the 2001 protected species list reflects a record search of a



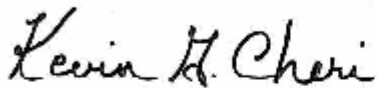
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one half mile radius of the park as opposed to a three mile radius. For these reasons, it is anticipated that additional species may need to be added to the attached table.

Please forward the requested information and any questions regarding this request to:

Angie Cook, Parsons  
5390 Triangle Parkway,  
Suite 100 Norcross, GA 30092  
phone: 678.969.2393  
e-mail: [angie.cook@parsons.com](mailto:angie.cook@parsons.com)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin G. Cheri". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kevin G. Cheri,  
Superintendent



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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
D18 (CHAT)

April 20, 2006

Ms. Kathy Methier  
Georgia Environmental Protection Division  
Water Protection Branch  
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive  
Suite 1152, East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Ms. Methier:

The purpose of this letter is to provide your office notice that the National Park Service has revised the alternatives for the General Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement for the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, Atlanta, Georgia. General Management Plans represent the broadest level of planning conducted by the National Park Service, and are intended to provide guidance for making informed decisions about the future of the park and specify resource conditions and visitor experiences to be achieved. This action requires compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the National Historic Preservation Act (Public Law NHPA) as well as other laws and National Park Service policies. More specific site locations, design and resource management plans for fishing, trails, etc. come later with ample opportunity for additional agency and public review and comment.

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Act. The updated EIS will provide detailed descriptions of alternative management plans, including the two new alternatives discussed in the November 2005 newsletter. The alternative management plans discussed in the GMP/EIS would guide the management of the park under different management zoning concepts, as well as a no-action alternative as required by law. The updated EIS also will analyze the potential impacts associated with possible implementation of each alternative and will describe the rationale for choosing the preferred alternative.

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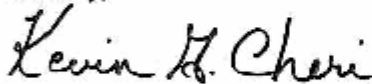
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Atlanta, GA 30350

Or by e-mail: [Char\\_Superintendent@nps.gov](mailto:Char_Superintendent@nps.gov)

Sincerely,



Kevin G. Cheri,  
Superintendent

Noel Holcomb, Commissioner  
Dan Forster, Director

## Georgia Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Resources Division

Nongame Wildlife & Natural Heritage Section  
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May 3, 2006

Angie Cook  
Parsons  
5390 Triangle Parkway  
Suite 100  
Norcross, GA 30092

**Subject: Known Occurrences of Special Concern Animals and Plants On or Near  
Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area EIS; Fulton, Gwinnett,  
Forsyth and Cobb Counties, Georgia**

Dear Ms Cook:

This is in response to your request of April 20, 2006. According to our records, within a three-mile radius of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area there are the following Natural Heritage Database occurrences:

	Scientific Name	Common Name	Counties	Waterbody
US	<i>Aster georgianus</i>	Georgia Aster	Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett	
GA	<i>Cyprinella callitaenia</i>	Bluestripe Shiner	Fulton	Big Creek, Vickery Creek
	<i>Elliptio arcata</i>	Delicate Spike	Cobb, Fulton	Chattahoochee River
	<i>Elliptio fraterna</i>	Brother Spike	Cobb	Chattahoochee River
	<i>Fothergilla major</i>	Mountain Witch-alder	Fulton	Chattahoochee River
US	<i>Hamiota subangulata</i>	Shinyrayed Pocketbook	Fulton	Chattahoochee River
GA	<i>Hydrastis canadensis</i>	Goldenseal	Gwinnett	
	<i>Melanthium latifolium</i>	Broadleaf Bunchflower	Cobb	
GA	<i>Melanthium woodii</i>	Ozark Bunchflower	Gwinnett	
	<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>	Shoal Bass	Cobb, Fulton	Chattahoochee River and Big Creek
	<i>Monotropa odorata</i>	Sweet Pinesap	Fulton	
	<i>Moxostoma sp. 1</i>	Apalachicola Redhorse	Fulton	Big Creek
GA	<i>Nestora umbellata</i>	Indian Olive	Cobb	
GA	<i>Notropis hypsilepis</i>	Highscale Shiner	Fulton	Big Creek, Vickery Creek
	<i>Panax quinquefolius</i>	American Ginseng	Gwinnett	
	<i>Quincuncina infucata</i>	Sculptured Pigtoe	Fulton	Chattahoochee River
US	<i>Rhus michauxii</i>	Dwarf Sumac	Cobb	
GA	<i>Schisandra glabra</i>	Bay Starvine	Cobb, Fulton, Gwinnett	
GA	<i>Waldsteinia lobata</i>	Piedmont Barren Strawberry	Gwinnett	

\* Entries above preceded by "US" indicates species with federal status in Georgia (Protected or Candidate). Species that are federally protected in Georgia are also state protected; "GA" indicates Georgia protected species.

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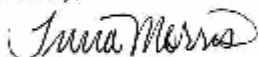
We do not have a potential species list for Forsyth County. The lists that you received in the past for the nearby counties should contain most of the species that may potentially be found in Forsyth County. However, please be aware that these lists have not been updated and may be missing some information.

**Disclaimer:**

Please keep in mind the limitations of our database. The data collected by the Georgia Natural Heritage Program comes from a variety of sources, including museum and herbarium records, literature, and reports from individuals and organizations, as well as field surveys by our staff biologists. In most cases the information is not the result of a recent on-site survey by our staff. Many areas of Georgia have never been surveyed thoroughly. Therefore, the Georgia Natural Heritage Program can only occasionally provide definitive information on the presence or absence of rare species on a given site. Our files are updated constantly as new information is received. **Thus, information provided by our program represents the existing data in our files at the time of the request and should not be considered a final statement on the species or area under consideration.**

If you know of populations of special concern species that are not in our database, please fill out the appropriate data collection form and send it to our office. Forms can be obtained through our web site (<http://www.georgiawildlife.com>) or by contacting our office. If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Katrina Morris  
Environmental Review Coordinator  
GA Natural Heritage Program

Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
**Wildlife Resources Division**

LONICE C. BARRETT, COMMISSIONER  
DAVID WALLER, DIVISION DIRECTOR

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February 1, 2001

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5390 Triangle Parkway, Suite 100  
Norcross, GA 30092

**Subject: Known or Potential Occurrences of Special Concern Plant and Animal  
Species on or near Proposed National Park Service Trails Construction  
Project at the Chattahoochee National Recreation Area in Cobb, DeKalb,  
Forsyth, Fulton, and Gwinnett Counties, Georgia**

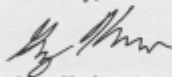
Dear Mr. Wallace:

This is in response to your request of December 13, 2000. Enclosed is a list of special concern species found within one half mile of the proposed boundary of the Chattahoochee National Recreation Area and eight maps showing these occurrences. Also provided are lists that should aid in assessing the potential for rare species occurrences within the area of concern. Although lists of plant and animal species potentially occurring in Forsyth County have not yet been generated, provided are the lists of plant and animal species potentially occurring in Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton, and Gwinnett counties.

Please keep in mind the limitations of our database. The data collected by the Georgia Natural Heritage Program comes from a variety of sources, including museum and herbarium records, literature, and reports from individuals and organizations, as well as field surveys by our staff biologists. In most cases the information is not the result of a recent on-site survey by our staff. Many areas of Georgia have never been surveyed thoroughly. Therefore, the Georgia Natural Heritage Program can only occasionally provide definitive information on the presence or absence of rare species on a given site. Our files are updated constantly as new information is received. Thus, information provided by our program represents the existing data in our files at the time of the request and should not be considered a final statement on the species or area under consideration.

If you know the location of populations of special concern species that are not in our database, please fill out the appropriate data collection form and send it to our office. Forms can be obtained through our web site (<http://www.dnr.state.ga.us/dnr/wild/natural.html>) or by contacting our office. If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Greg Krakow  
Data Manager

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Edition date: November 26, 2000

**GEORGIA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM****EXPLANATION OF CODES****FOR RARITY RANK AND LEGAL STATUS**

The "State Rank" and "Global Rank" codes indicate relative rarity of species statewide and range-wide, respectively. An explanation of these codes follows. For further information please see [www.natureserve.org/ranking](http://www.natureserve.org/ranking).

**STATE [GLOBAL] RANK**

<b>S1[G1]</b>	Critically imperiled in state [globally] because of extreme rarity (5 or fewer occurrences).
<b>S2[G2]</b>	Imperiled in state [globally] because of rarity (6 to 20 occurrences).
<b>S3[G3]</b>	Rare or uncommon in state [rare and local throughout range or in a special habitat or narrowly endemic] (on the order of 21 to 100 occurrences).
<b>S4[G4]</b>	Apparently secure in state [globally] (of no immediate conservation concern).
<b>S5[G5]</b>	Demonstrably secure in state [globally].
<b>SA</b>	Accidental in state, including migratory or wide-ranging species recorded only once or twice or at very great intervals.
<b>SN</b>	Regularly occurring, usually migratory and typically nonbreeding species.
<b>SR</b>	Reported from the state, but without persuasive documentation (no precise site records and no verification of taxonomy).
<b>SU[GU]</b>	Possibly in peril in state [range-wide] but status uncertain; need more information on threats or distribution.
<b>SX[GX]</b>	Apparently extirpated from state [extinct throughout range]. GXC is known only in cultivation/captivity.
<b>SE</b>	An exotic established in state. May be native elsewhere in North America. Sometimes difficult to determine if native (SE?).
<b>SH[GH]</b>	Of historical occurrence in the state [throughout its range], perhaps not verified in the past 20 years, but suspected to be still extant.
<b>[T]</b>	Taxonomic subdivision (trinomial, either a subspecies or variety), used in a global rank, for example "G2T2."
<b>Q</b>	Denotes a taxonomic question - either the taxon is not generally recognized as valid, or there is reasonable concern about its validity or identity globally or at the state level.
<b>?</b>	Denotes questionable rank; best guess given whenever possible (e.g. S3?).

### FEDERAL STATUS (US Fish and Wildlife Service, USFWS)

The following abbreviations are used to indicate the legal status of federally-protected plants and animals or those proposed for listing. For further information please see [www.natureserve.org/status](http://www.natureserve.org/status).

<b>LE</b>	Listed as endangered. The most critically imperiled species. A species that may become extinct or disappear from a significant part of its range if not immediately protected.
<b>LT</b>	Listed as threatened. The next most critical level of threatened species. A species that may become endangered if not protected.
<b>PE or PT</b>	Candidate species currently proposed for listing as endangered or threatened.
<b>C</b>	Candidate species presently under status review for federal listing for which adequate information exists on biological vulnerability and threats to list the taxa as endangered or threatened.
<b>PDL</b>	Proposed for delisting.
<b>E(S/A) or T(S/A)</b>	Listed as endangered or threatened because of similarity of appearance.
<b>(PS)</b>	Indicates "partial status" - status in only a portion of the species' range. Typically indicated in a "full" species record where an infraspecific taxon or population has U.S. ESA status, but the entire species does not.

### STATE STATUS (Georgia Department of Natural Resources, GA-DNR)

The following abbreviations are used to indicate the status of state-protected plants and animals or those proposed for state-protection in Georgia.

<b>E</b>	Listed as endangered. A species which is in danger of extinction throughout all or part of its range
<b>T</b>	Listed as threatened. A species which is likely to become an endangered species in the foreseeable future throughout all or parts of its range.
<b>R</b>	Listed as rare. A species which may not be endangered or threatened but which should be protected because of its scarcity.
<b>U</b>	Listed as unusual (and thus deserving of special consideration). Uncommon plants subject to commercial exploitation would have this status.

**NOTE:**

This is a working list and is constantly revised. For the latest changes, acknowledgment of numerous sources, interpretation of data, or other information connected with this list, please contact:

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Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
Wildlife Resources Division  
Georgia Natural Heritage Program  
2117 U.S. Highway 278 S.E.  
Social Circle, Georgia 30025-4714  
Phone: 770-918-6411  
Fax: 706-557-3033  
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The proper citation for this list is:

Georgia Natural Heritage Program (GDP) (Data from top right corner) (DNR) (Data from top right corner) Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Social Circle



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Special Concern Species Known from within a Half Mile Radius of the Proposed National  
Park Service Trails Construction Project at the Chattahoochee National Recreation Area  
in Cobb, DeKalb, Forsyth, Fulton, and Gwinnett Counties, Georgia

Georgia Natural Heritage Program, 2117 US Hwy 278 SE, Social Circle, GA 30025, (770) 918-6411



According to our records, within one half mile of the project site (Forsyth County; Buford Dam Quadrangle), there are occurrences of the following:

*Aster georgianus* (Georgia Aster) 0.3 mi. NE of site

According to our records, within one half mile of the project site (Gwinnett County; Suwanee Quadrangle), there are occurrences of the following:

*Hydrastis canadensis* (Goldenseal) within the site

*Melanthium woodii* (Ozark Bunchflower) less than 0.1 mi. N of site

*Schisandra glabra* (Bay Starvine) within the site

*Waldsteinia lobata* (Piedmont Barren Strawberry) less than 0.1 mi. N of site

According to our records, within one half mile of the project site (Fulton County; Chamblee Quadrangle), there are occurrences of the following:

*Schisandra glabra* (Bay Starvine) 0.2 mi. N of site

*Schisandra glabra* (Bay Starvine) less than 0.1 mi. E of site

According to our records, within one half mile of the project site (Fulton County; Chamblee Quadrangle), there are occurrences of the following:

*Lampsilis subangulata* (Shinyrayed Pocketbook) within the site

*Quincuncina infucata* (Sculptured Pigtoe) within the site

According to our records, within one half mile of the project site (Fulton County; Sandy Springs Quadrangle), there are occurrences of the following:

*Schisandra glabra* (Bay Starvine) 0.1 mi. E of site

According to our records, within one half mile of the project site (Cobb County; Sandy Springs Quadrangle), there are occurrences of the following:

*Schisandra glabra* (Bay Starvine) 0.2 mi. E of site

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According to our records, within one half mile of the project site (Fulton County; Chamblee Quadrangle), there are occurrences of the following:

*Schisandra glabra* (Bay Starvine) 0.2 mi. N of site

*Schisandra glabra* (Bay Starvine) less than 0.1 mi. E of site

According to our records, within one half mile of the project site (Fulton County; Chamblee Quadrangle), there are occurrences of the following:

*Lampsilis subangulata* (Shinyrayed Pocketbook) within the site

*Quincuncina infucata* (Sculptured Pigtoe) within the site

According to our records, within one half mile of the project site (Fulton County; Sandy Springs Quadrangle), there are occurrences of the following:

*Schisandra glabra* (Bay Starvine) 0.1 mi. E of site

According to our records, within one half mile of the project site (Cobb County; Sandy Springs Quadrangle), there are occurrences of the following:

*Schisandra glabra* (Bay Starvine) 0.2 mi. E of site

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Special Concern Species Known from within a Half Mile Radius of the Proposed National  
Park Service Trails Construction Project at the Chattahoochee National Recreation Area  
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According to our records, within one half mile of the project site (Fulton and Cobb counties; Sandy Springs Quadrangle), there are occurrences of the following:

*Elliptio fraterna* (Brother Spike) within the site (Cobb County)  
*Quincuncina infucata* (Sculptured Pigtoe), an imprecise location, within the site (Cobb County)  
*Schisandra glabra* (Bay Starvine) less than 0.1 mi. E of site (Fulton County)  
*Schisandra glabra* (Bay Starvine) within the site (Cobb County)

According to our records, within one half mile of the project site (Fulton and Cobb Counties; Northwest Atlanta Quadrangle), there are occurrences of the following:

*Fothergilla major* (Mountain Witch-alder) within the site (Fulton County)  
*Melanthium latifolium* (Broadleaf Bunchflower) approx. 0.5 mi. W of site (Cobb County)  
*Nestronia umbellula* (Indian Olive) approx. 0.5 mi. W of site (Cobb County)  
*Schisandra glabra* (Bay Starvine) 0.2 mi. E of site (Fulton County)

According to our records, within one half mile of the project site (Fulton County; Northwest Atlanta Quadrangle), there are occurrences of the following:

*Schisandra glabra* (Bay Starvine) within the site

Table 1. List of Georgia Heritage Program Plants and Animals Recorded Within The USGS Quad Sheets for the Chattahoochee River Area  
(Georgia Heritage Program Database, August 2000)

Quarter Quad Sheet record	Scientific Name	Common Name	Global Rank, State Rank, Federal Status, State Status <sup>1</sup>	Habitat
Buiford Dam (NE)	Melanthium woodii	Ozark Bunchflower	G5 S2 — —	Mesic hardwood forests over basic soils
Buiford Dam (SE)	Melanthium woodii	Ozark Bunchflower	G5 S2 — —	Mesic hardwood forests over basic soils
Buiford Dam (SW)	Aster georgianus	Georgia Aster	G2G3 S2 — —	Upland oak-hickory-pine forests; especially with Echinaceae laevigata
Suwanee (NW)	Hydrastis canadensis	Goldenseal	G4 S2 — E	Rich woods in circumneutral soil
	Melanthium woodii	Ozark Bunchflower	G5 S2 — —	Mesic hardwood forests over basic soils
	Schizandra glabra	Bay Starvine	G3S2 — T	Stream terraces
	Waldsteinia lobata	Piedmont Barren Strawberry	G27 S2 — T	Stream terraces and adjacent gneiss outcrops
Summing (NE)	Amorpha schwenkii	Schwenk Indigo-bush	G3T2 S1 — —	Riverside terraces; borders of swampy floodplain woods, sometimes dominated by wiregrass and pine
	Platanthera integrilabia	Monkeyface Orchid	G2G3 S1S2 — T	Red maple-gum swamps; peaty seeps and streambanks with Parnassia asarifolia and Oxyopsis rigidior asarifolia
Roswell (SE)	Schizandra glabra	Bay Starvine	G3 S2 — T	Stream terraces
	Waldsteinia lobata	Piedmont Barren Strawberry	G27 S2 — T	Stream terraces and adjacent gneiss outcrops
Roswell (SW)	Cyprinella callitaeia	Bluestripe Shiner	G2 S2 — T	Flowing areas in large creeks and medium-sized rivers over rocky substrates
	Lampsilis subangulata	Shiny-rayed Pocketbook	G2 S3 LE E	Sandy/rocky medium-sized rivers & creeks
	Notropis hypolepis	Hightscale Shiner	G3 S2S3 — T	Flowing areas of small to large streams over sand or bedrock substrates
	Quincuncina infucata	Sculptured Pigtoe	G4 S3 — —	Main channels of rivers and large streams with moderate current in sand and limestone rock substrate
	Rhus michauxii	Dwarf Sumac	G2 S1 LE E	Open forests over ultramafic rock
Chamblee (NE)	Schizandra glabra	Bay Starvine	G3 S2 — T	Stream terraces
Chamblee (NW)	Quincuncina infucata	Sculptured Pigtoe	G4 S3 — —	Main channels of rivers and large streams with moderate current in sand and limestone rock

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(Georgia Heritage Program Database, August 2000)

(NE)	Rhus michauxii	Dwarf Sumac	G2 S1 LE E	moderate current in sand and limestone rock substrate
	Schisandra glabra	Bay Starvine	G3 S2 — T	Open forests over ultramafic rock
Sandy Springs (NW)	Platanthera integrilabia	Monkeyface Orchid	G2G3 S1S2 — T	Stream terraces
	Quincuncina infucata	Sculptured Pigtoe	G4 S3 — —	Red maple-gum swamps; peaty seeps and streambanks with Parnassia asarifolia and Oxypolis rigidior asarifolia
	Schisandra glabra	Bay Starvine	G3 S2 — T	Main channels of rivers and large streams with moderate current in sand and limestone rock substrate
Sandy Springs (SE)	Elliptio fraterna	Brother Spike	G1G2Q S1 — —	Stream terraces
	Fothergilla major	Mountain Witch-alder	G3 S1 — —	Sandy substrates of river channels with swift current
	Quincuncina infucata	Sculptured Pigtoe	G4 S3 — —	Rocky (sandstone, granite) woods; bouldery stream margins
	Schisandra glabra	Bay Starvine	G3 S2 — T	Main channels of rivers and large streams with moderate current in sand and limestone rock substrate
Sandy Springs (SW)	Elliptio fraterna	Brother Spike	G1G2Q S1 — —	Stream terraces
	Fothergilla major	Mountain Witch-alder	G3 S1 — —	Sandy substrates of river channels with swift current
	Melanthium latifolium Nestronia umbellula	Broadleaf Bunchflower Indian Olive	G5S2? G4 S2 — T	Rocky (sandstone, granite) woods; bouldery stream margins
	Quincuncina infucata	Sculptured Pigtoe	G4 S3 — —	Mesic deciduous hardwood forests
	Schisandra glabra	Bay Starvine	G3 S2 — T	Mixed with dwarf shrubby heaths in oak-hickory-pine woods; often in transition areas between flatwoods and uplands
				Main channels of rivers and large streams with moderate current in sand and limestone rock substrate
				Stream terraces

1 Global Rank, State Rank, Federal Status, State Status, based on the following system from the Georgia Heritage Program.

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EXPLANATION OF RARITY RANKS AND LEGAL STATUSES

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The "Global Rank" and "State Rank" columns indicate relative rarity of species at the rangewide or global level and the Georgia or state level, respectively. A simplified, standardized explanation of these ranks and of federal and state protection status follows.

**STATE PROTECTION** (Georgia Natural Heritage Program, GNHP):  
 S1[G1] = Critically imperiled in state [globally] because of extreme rarity (5 or fewer occurrences).  
 S2[G2] = Imperiled in state [globally] because of rarity (6 to 20 occurrences).  
 S3[G3] = Rare or uncommon in state [rare and local throughout range or in a special habitat or narrowly endemic] (on the order of 21 to 100 occurrences).  
 S4[G4] = Apparently secure in state [globally] (of no immediate conservation concern).  
 S5[G5] = Demonstrably secure in state [globally].

SA = Accidental in state, including species (usually birds or butterflies) recorded once or twice or only at very great intervals.  
 SN = Regularly occurring, usually migratory and typically nonbreeding species.  
 SR = Reported from the state, but without persuasive documentation (no precise site records and no verification of taxonomy).  
 SU[GU] = Possibly in peril in state [range-wide] but status uncertain; need more information on threats.  
 SX[GX] = Apparently extirpated from state [extinct throughout range]. GX is known only in cultivation/captivity.  
 SE = An exotic established in state; may be native elsewhere in North America; sometimes nativity is difficult to determine (SE7).  
 SH[CH] = Of historical occurrence in the state [throughout its range], perhaps not verified in the past 20 years, but suspected to be still extant (these organisms/communities need to be relocated).

[T] = Taxonomic subdivision (trinomial, either a subspecies or variety), used in a global rank, for example "G3T2".  
 Q = Denotes a taxonomic question - either the taxon is not generally recognized as valid, or there is reasonable concern about its validity or identity globally or at the state level.  
 ? = Denotes questionable rank; best guess given whenever possible.

**FEDERAL STATUS** (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, USFWS):  
 LE = Listed endangered. The most critically threatened species. A species that may become extinct or disappear from a significant part of its range if not immediately protected.  
 LT = Listed threatened. The next most critical level of threatened species. A species that may become endangered if not protected.  
 PE or PT = Candidate species currently proposed for listing as endangered or threatened.  
 C = Candidate species presently under status review for federal listing for which adequate information exists on biological vulnerability and threats to list the taxa as endangered or threatened.  
 \*NL = Status varies for different populations or parts of range with at least one part not listed (e.g., a species with part of its range assigned by USFWS as threatened, would be recorded as "LTNL").

**STATE STATUS** (Georgia Department of Natural Resources, GDNR):  
 The following abbreviations are used to indicate the status of state-protected plants and animals or those proposed for state-protection in Georgia.

E = Listed as endangered.  
 T = Listed as threatened.  
 I = Listed as rare.  
 U = Listed as unusual (and thus deserving of special consideration), for example: plants subject to commercial exploitation.

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RE: FWS Log No. NG-01-88-FORS

Dear Mr. Wallace:

As you requested, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) submits the following comments on potential threatened and endangered species in Cobb, DeKalb, Forsyth, Fulton, and Gwinnett Counties. This letter is in accordance with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), regarding listed species that may occur within the delineated boundaries of the National Park Service recreation areas provided to the Service in a previous letter dated December 13, 2000.

The table provided appears to be a complete listing of threatened and endangered species that may potentially occur within the above counties. The Service recommends the monkey-face orchid (*Platanthera integrilabia*) be cross-listed with the white fringeless orchid (*Platanthera integrilabia*), a federal candidate species.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Kim Jefferson in the Athens office at (706) 613-9493 ext. 22.

Sincerely,

Sandra S. Tucker  
Field Supervisor

## LISTED SPECIES IN COBB COUNTY

FEDERAL ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES<sup>1</sup>Animals

Bald eagle (T,SE)	<u><i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i></u>	Inland waterways and estuarine areas in Georgia
Red-cockaded woodpecker (E,SE)	<u><i>Picoides borealis</i></u>	Nest in mature pine with low understory vegetation (<1.5m); forage in pine and pine hardwood stands ≥30 years of age, preferably ≥10" dbh
Cherokee darter (T,ST)	<u><i>Etheostoma scotti</i></u>	Shallow water (0.1-0.5 m) in small to medium warm water creeks (1-15 m wide) with predominantly rocky bottoms. Usually found in sections with reduced current, typically runs above and below riffles and at ecotones of riffles and backwaters.
Gulf meekassinshell mussel (E,SE)	<u><i>Mediomastus penicillatus</i></u>	Medium streams to large rivers with slight to moderate current over sand and gravel substrates; may be associated with muddy sand substrates around tree roots

Plants

Michaux's sumac (E,SE)	<u><i>Rhus michauxii</i></u>	Sandy or rocky open woods, usually on ridges with a disturbance history (periodic fire, prior agricultural use, maintained right-of-ways); the known population of this species in Cobb County has been extirpated (last seen in county in 1900)
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Animals

Bachman's sparrow (SR)	<u><i>Ammodramus aestivalis</i></u>	Abandoned fields with scattered shrubs, pines, or oaks
Appalachian Bewick's wren (SR)	<u><i>Thryomanes bewickii alius</i></u>	Dense undergrowth, overgrown fields, thickets, and brush in open or semi-open habitat; feed primarily on insects
Bluestripe shiner (ST)	<u><i>Cyprinella gallitania</i></u>	Brownwater streams

Plants

Monkey-face (ST)	<u><i>Platanthera integrilabia</i></u>	Red maple-blackgum swamps; also on sandy damp stream margins; or on seepy, rocky, thinly vegetated slopes
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Plants

Granite whitlow-grass (SE)	<u><i>Draba aprica</i></u>	Shallow soils on granite outcrops, especially beneath eastern redcedar
Indian olive (ST)	<u><i>Nestronia umbellata</i></u>	Dry open upland forests of mixed hardwood and pine
Bay star-vine (ST)	<u><i>Schisandra glabra</i></u>	Twining on subcanopy and understory trees/shrubs in rich alluvial woods

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## LISTED SPECIES IN DEKALB COUNTY

### FEDERAL ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES<sup>1</sup>

#### Animals

Gray bat (E,SE)	<u>Myotis grisescens</u>	Colonies restricted to caves or cave-like habitats; forage primarily over water along rivers or lake shores
Bald eagle (T,SE)	<u>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</u>	Inland waterways and estuarine areas in Georgia
Red-cockaded woodpecker (E,SE)	<u>Picoides borealis</u>	Nest in mature pine with low understory vegetation (<1.5m); forage in pine and pine hardwood stands ≥30 years of age, preferably ≥19" dbh

#### Plants

Little amphianthus (T,ST)	<u>Amphianthus pusillus</u>	Shallow pools on granite outcrops, where water collects after a rain. Pools are less than 1 foot deep and rock rimmed.
Black-spored quillwort (E,SE)	<u>Isoetes melanospora</u>	Shallow pools on granite outcrops, where water collects after a rain. Pools are less than 1 foot deep and rock rimmed.

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#### Animals

Bachman's sparrow (SR)	<u>Aimophila aestivalis</u>	Abandoned fields with scattered shrubs, pines, or oaks
Appalachian Bewick's wren (SR)	<u>Thyromanes bewickii albus</u>	Dense undergrowth, overgrown fields, thickets, and brush in open or semi-open habitat; feed primarily on insects
Bluestripe shiner (ST)	<u>Cyprinella gallitactis</u>	Brownwater streams

#### Plants

Flatrock onion (ST)	<u>Allium speculac</u>	Seepy edges of vegetation mats on outcrops of granitic rock
Alexander rock aster	<u>Aster avitus</u>	
Small-headed pipewort	<u>Eriocaulon komickianum</u>	Granite outcrops and upland-sandhill-acid seeps

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#### Plants

Indian olive (ST)	<u>Nystronia umbellula</u>	Dry open upland forests of mixed hardwood and pine
Bay star-vine (ST)	<u>Schisandra glabra</u>	Twining on subcanopy and understory trees/shrubs in rich alluvial woods
Granite rock stonecrop (ST)	<u>Sedum pusillum</u>	Granite outcrops among mosses in partial shade under red cedar trees
Piedmont barren strawberry (ST)	<u>Waldsteinia lobata</u>	Rocky acidic woods along streams with mountain laurel; rarely in drier upland oak-hickory-pine woods

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## LISTED SPECIES IN FORSYTH COUNTY

FEDERAL ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES<sup>1</sup>

## Animals

Bald eagle (T,SE)	<u>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</u>	Inland waterways and estuarine areas in Georgia
Red-cockaded woodpecker (E,SE)	<u>Picoides borealis</u>	Nest in mature pine with low understory vegetation (<1.5m); forage in pine and pine hardwood stands ≥30 years of age, preferably ≥10' dbh

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## Animals

Bachman's sparrow (SR)	<u>Aimophila nestivalis</u>	Abandoned fields with scattered shrubs, pines, or oaks
Bluestripe shiner (ST)	<u>Cyprinella callitaenia</u>	Brownwater streams

## Plants

Monkey-face (ST)	<u>Platanthera integrilabia</u>	Red maple-blackgum swamps; also on sandy damp stream margins; or on seepy, rocky, thinly vegetated slopes
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## Animals

Frecklebelly madtom (SE)	<u>Noturus munitus</u>	Rivers with moderate to swift current over substrates ranging from coarse gravel to boulders, submerged trees, and brush.
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## Plants

Piedmont barren strawberry (ST)	<u>Waldsteinia lobata</u>	Rocky acidic woods along streams with mountain laurel; rarely in drier upland oak-hickory-pine woods
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## FULTON COUNTY

### FEDERAL ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES<sup>1</sup>

#### Animals

Bald eagle (T,SE)	<u><i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i></u>	Inland waterways and estuarine areas in Georgia
Red-cockaded woodpecker (E,SE)	<u><i>Picoides borealis</i></u>	Nest in mature pine with low understory vegetation (<1.5m); forage in pine and pine hardwood stands ≥30 years of age, preferably ≥10" dbh
Gulf moccasinshell mussel (E,SE)	<u><i>Medionidus penicillatus</i></u>	Medium streams to large rivers with slight to moderate current over sand and gravel substrates; may be associated with muddy sand substrates around tree roots

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#### Animals

Bachman's sparrow (SR)	<u><i>Ammodramus aestivalis</i></u>	Abandoned fields with scattered shrubs, pines, or oaks
Appalachian Bewick's wren (SR)	<u><i>Thyromanes bewickii albus</i></u>	Dense undergrowth, overgrown fields, thickets, and brush in open or semi-open habitat; feed primarily on insects
Bluestripe shiner (ST)	<u><i>Cyprinella callitaenia</i></u>	Brownwater streams

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#### Animals

Peregrine falcon (SE)	<u><i>Falco peregrinus</i></u>	<i>F. p. anatum</i> nests on cliffs, high hills, or tall buildings; <i>F. p. nundrius</i> primarily seen in Georgia migrating along the coast
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#### Plants

Bay star-vine (ST)	<u><i>Schisandra glabra</i></u>	Twining on subcanopy and understory trees/shrubs in rich alluvial woods
Piedmont barren strawberry (ST)	<u><i>Waldsteinia lobata</i></u>	Rocky acidic woods along streams with mountain laurel; rarely in drier upland oak-hickory-pine woods

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## LISTED SPECIES IN GWINNETT COUNTY

FEDERAL ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES<sup>1</sup>

## Animals

Bald eagle (T,SE): Haliaeetus leucocephalus Inland waterways and estuarine areas in Georgia  
 Red-cockaded woodpecker (E,SE) Picoides borealis Nest in mature pine with low understory vegetation (<1.5m); forage in pine and pine hardwood stands ≥30 years of age, preferably ≥10" dbh

## Plants

Little amphianthus (T,ST) Amphianthus pusillus Shallow pools on granite outcrops, where water collects after a rain. Pools are less than 1 foot deep and rock rimmed.  
 Black-spored quiltwort (E,SE) Isotria medeoloides Shallow pools on granite outcrops, where water collects after a rain. Pools are less than 1 foot deep and rock rimmed.  
 Michaux's sumac (E,SE) Rhus michauxii Sandy or rocky open woods, usually on ridges with a disturbance history (periodic fire, prior agricultural use, maintained right-of-ways); the known population of this species in Gwinnett County has been extirpated

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## Animals

Bluestripe shiner (ST) Cyprinella callitaenia Brownwater streams  
 Northern pine snake Pituophis m. melanoleucus

## Plants

Alexander rock aster Aster axillaris  
 Small-headed pipewort Eriocaulon kornickianum Granite outcrops and upland-sandhill-acid seeps

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## Plants

Golden seal (SE) Hydrastis canadensis Rich woods and cove forests in the mountains  
 Bay star-vine (ST) Schisandra glabra Twining on subcanopy and understory trees/shrubs in rich alluvial woods  
 Granite rock stonecrop (ST) Sedum pusillum Granite outcrops among mosses in partial shade under red cedar trees  
 Piedmont barren strawberry (ST) Waldsteinia lobata Rocky acidic woods along streams with mountain laurel; rarely in drier upland oak-hickory-pine woods

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## **Coordination With Federally-Recognized American Indian Tribes With Ancestral Lands In Georgia And The State Historic Preservation Officer**

Consultation letters were sent in January 2001 to Federally-recognized American Indian Tribes with ancestral lands in Georgia requesting feedback concerning this GMP/EIS. These letters were followed up with individual phone calls. Additional letters were sent in March 2002 identifying the purpose and need of the project and requesting input. A copy of this letter request and the list of American Indian Tribes contacted follows. In addition, this letter request was also sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer.



## Federally Recognized American Indian Tribes with Ancestral Lands in Georgia

Name	Contact Name and Title	Contact Address
Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas	Mr. Kevin P. Battise, Chairman Ph: (409) 563-4391 Fax: (409) 563-4397	Route 3, P.O. Box 640, Livingston, TX 77351
Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town (Creek)	Tarpie Yargee, Chief Ph: (405) 452-3968 Fax: (405) 452-3968	P.O. Box 187, Wetumka, OK 74883
Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma	Mr. Chad Smith, Principal Chief Ph: (918) 456-0671 Fax: (918) 458-5580	P.O. Box 948, Tahlequah, OK 74465
Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana (Creek)	Mr. Lovelin Poncho, Chairman Ph: (337) 584-2261 Fax: (337) 584-2998	P.O. Box 818, Elton, LA 70532
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	Mr. Leon Jones, Principal Chief Ph: (828) 497-2771 Fax: (828) 497-7007	Qualla Boundary, P.O. Box 455 Cherokee, NC 28719
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Source: BIA (2002) = Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs. *Tribal Leaders Directory*. January 2002



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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER NATIONAL RECREATION AREA  
1978 Island Ford Parkway  
Atlanta, Georgia 30350-3400

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March 27, 2002

Mr. Kevin P Battise, Chairman  
Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas  
PO Box 640  
Livingston, TX 77351

Dear Mr. Battise:

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Public Law 91-190, as amended) (NEPA), the National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the General Management Plan (GMP) for Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, Georgia (CRNRA). A regional map of the park is available on the Internet at [www.npsplanning.org](http://www.npsplanning.org). Two additional maps are attached to assist you in locating the park in relation to the southeastern states and within metro Atlanta. The purpose of this letter is to request your comments on issues of concern that you might have regarding the updating of the GMP and input on the future management approaches for the park. We originally wrote to you in January 2001 and hope that this letter serves as a reminder that we welcome your input.

**The Purpose and Need:** The purpose of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area is to lead the preservation and protection of the 48 mile Chattahoochee River corridor from Buford Dam to Peachtree Creek, and its associated natural and cultural resources, for the benefit and enjoyment of the people. The general management planning process provides a comprehensive approach to establish the basic management philosophy for the park and provide strategies for addressing issues and achieving identified management objectives. The GMP/EIS will evaluate the environmental impacts of a range of alternatives to address distinct management approaches to preserving significant natural and cultural resources for public enjoyment, competing demands for limited resources, priorities for using available funds and

staff, and differing local and nationwide interests and views of what is most important.

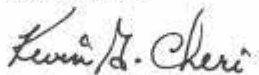
**The Process and Importance of Public Input:** The intent of the NEPA scoping process is to provide for early identification of concerns, issues, expectations, and values of existing and potential visitors, neighbors, people with traditional cultural ties to lands within the park, cooperating associations, other partners, scientists, scholars, and other government agencies. Public input gathered during this scoping process will be used in the EIS to assess and compare the effects of each available management alternative on the natural and man-made environment. The EIS will also recommend selection of a "preferred" management alternative. The National Park Service is requesting your input in these early stages of this project.

**Who to Contact:** If you are interested in providing input on the updated GMP/EIS, you are invited to respond in writing to:

Mr. Kevin Cheri, Superintendent  
Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area  
1978 Island Ford Parkway  
Atlanta, GA 30350-3400  
Phone (770)-399-8074 extension 221

Full public participation by federal, state, and local agencies, as well as other concerned organizations and private citizens, is invited throughout the preparation process of the updated GMP/EIS. The National Park Service would like to thank you for reviewing this scoping letter, and for preparing and submitting written comments.

Sincerely,

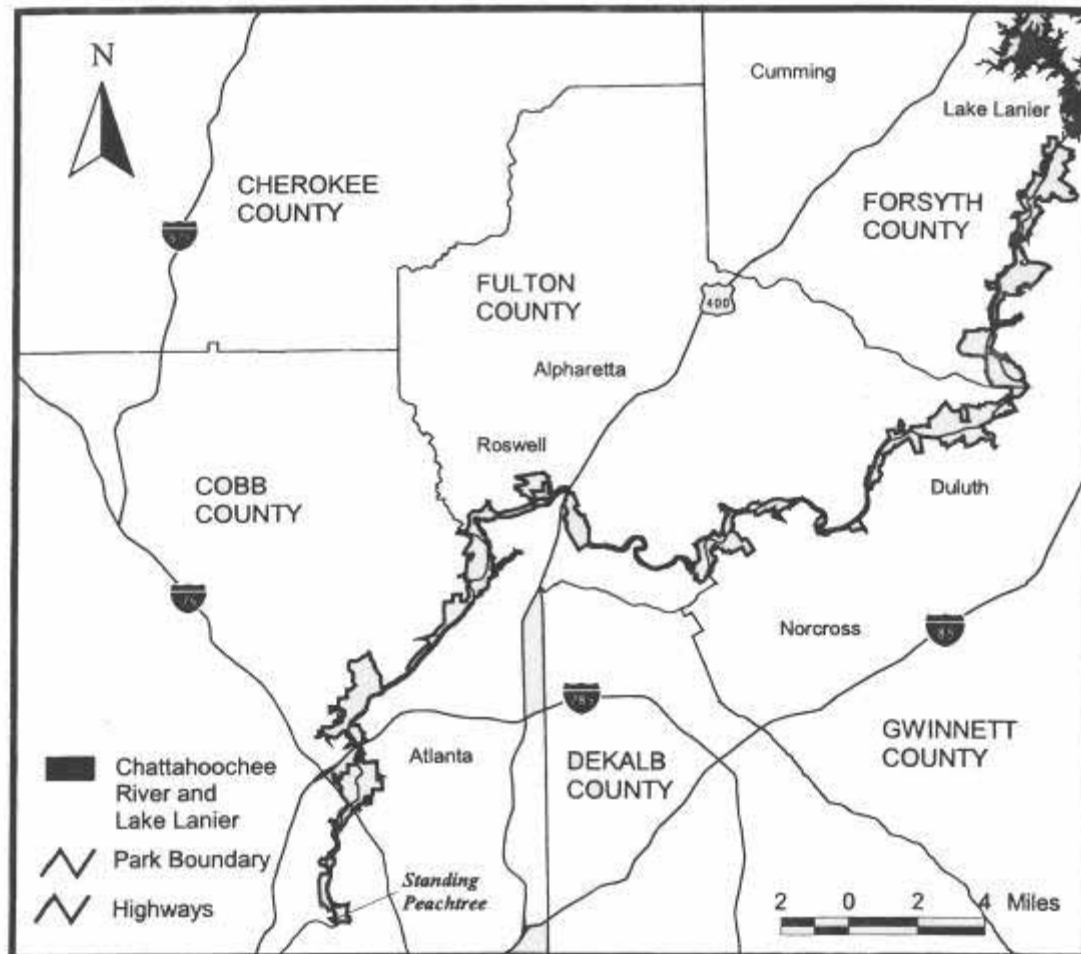


Kevin G. Cheri  
Superintendent





# Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area



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