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Comments: I do not support additional trails or a lodging facility in this area. It is extremely well documented scientifically that heavy use of trails such as those proposed negatively impact wildlife, as well as negatively impact user-groups such as hikers, bird watchers, wildlife watchers that depend on or value areas without relatively constant and heavy traffic on foot or bicycle. Other trail systems nearby similar to those proposed have seen extremely heavy use and have already negatively affected other users and wildlife. There is no reason to suspect this trail system would be any different. Similarly, a remote location such as this is not appropriate for a large lodging facility, it is important that the remote character of this area is continued. If a dense trail system is needed--which is highly questionable--it should be developed in an area that is already developed such as a campground, so as not to significantly increase the footprint of development and more importantly the surge in foot and bicycle traffic that will accompany it, in the remote portions of the green mountain national forest.