

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 4/11/2019 6:16:15 PM

First name: Richard

Last name: Hausman

Organization:

Title:

Comments: My wife and I wish to add our voices to the many who support the Somerset Integrated Resource Project generally, and the construction of a four-season hut off the Camp Loop Trail at Grout Pond specifically.

We are cross-country skiers and hut users, particularly in the Green Mountain chain. An increasing number of outdoors enthusiasts, like us, have been discovering backcountry skiing and, as we do, we have been creating serious occupancy pressure on the existing huts up and down the chain.

My wife is 71 and I am 74. We most recently used a hut this February in Huntington, VT to access X-C skiing on the Catamount Trail and to enjoy the experience of hut camping. It is our strong impression that the occupancy pressure on existing huts is coming not only from young persons, but from an upwardly expanding age range of users--people just like us.

A four-season hut in the Grout Pond area means older persons who ski could have access to a considerably larger portion of the Somerset area than they would have through single-day-trip skiing.

Please don't hesitate to contact my wife or me if you have any questions. (802) 584-3874