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Comments: Kudos to all involved moving the Somerset Integrated Resource Project forward! This looks like a great project, and I wanted to comment in support of the following:

The construction of a four-season hut off the Camp Loop Trail at Grout Pond

Improving water quality and sanitation at the Grout Pond Campground

Construction of approximately 2.0 miles of new trail providing connectivity between the Town of Dover, Mount Snow trails, and the National Forest Trail System.

Construction of approximately 2.1 miles of trail connecting the proposed mountain bike trails off Handle Road in the Town of Dover to the Deerfield Ridge Trail.

Construction of approximately 0.4 miles of cross-country ski trail on an existing old skid trail to serve as a collector route for a proposed backcountry ski area off Deerfield Ridge.

Adding a 0.7 mile existing segment of the Catamount Trail to the National Forest Trail System.

Development of three backcountry zones in close proximity to Mount Snow off the Deerfield Ridge trail for additional backcountry skiing recreation.

All of these improvements will add value to our national forests as recreational resources for the public, and equally important is that the connectivity offered by multiple trail connections for 4 season use will enhance our public land's contributions to local economies. Thank you for your consideration, and kudos to all for moving these projects forward.

Sincerely,

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