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Comments: I want to voice my support of the Tillman Trails Connectivity Project #58134, AKA the "Narrowback West Reroute". This is an important and positive project in the North River District of George Washington National Forest (GWNF) for many reasons: 1) It will enhance connectivity of the trails network in the North River District of GWNF, connecting the Narrowback trail system to the Wolf/Timber/Hearthstone trail system with access to Reddish Knob

2) It will provide better access to the Narrowback trail system, which is a crucial area for beginner and intermediate mountain bikers to get acquainted with the trails in GWNF, which does not have many beginner nor intermediate trails

3) It is near the edge of GWNF and accessible to parking areas, making the entire North River District more accessible from the periphery of the forest rather than having to drive into the forest

4) It will decrease mountain bike traffic on Tilghman/Tillman Road (an unsafe road for mixed traffic due to poor visibility) by allowing a trail connection from the Wolf Parking Lot to the Narrowback trail system

5) It will close off a badly eroded and poorly designed "legacy" trail in order to construct a sustainable trail which will both be better for the surrounding environment and be better designed for fun trail use

6) All of this will benefit mountain bikers, trail runners, hikers, and all trail users. Trail access for all is incredibly important to me and the region. Personally I derive an incredible amount of joy from using the trails of GWNF in many different ways, and I want them to be more accessible for all so everyone can enjoy them. They are also an economic benefit to the area, bringing in tourism dollars and supporting local businesses.

For these reasons I support the Narrowback West Reroute, and I encourage the North River District to work with SVBC on more "legacy" trail relocations in the future in order to improve trail connectivity and experiences