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Comments: We are submitting comments on behalf of Friends of Shenandoah Mountain (FOSM) regarding the Tilman Trail Re-Route Project, described in the scoping letter dated July 30, 2020.

FOSM supports the proposed re-route of Narrowback Trail which would begin at Wolf Ridge Parking Lot and traverse the western slopes of Narrowback to the intersection with Fiesta Trail at a more moderate grade than the current, badly eroded route.

The proposed re-route offers several advantages:

- The more moderate grade would result in less erosion.
- With a trailhead at Wolf Ridge Parking, it would be closer and more easily accessible for trail users entering from State Rt. 257, even when the gate on Tilman Rd. is closed.
- It would be an easy trail for beginning hikers and bikers (we need more of these).
- It would open up connectivity and loop options that would keep trail users off Tilman Rd.

In conclusion, we are in full support of the project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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