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Comments: To whom it may concern:

What I love most about living and working in Vermont is the opportunities afforded to us to enjoy the outdoors so I'm writing in support of the Vermont Huts Association's application for a special use permit in the proposed action for the Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project to construct, operate, and maintain a four-season hut within the footprint of the former lodge that was destroyed by fire near South Pond.

A hut in this location takes advantage of existing infrastructure and is ideally situated to allow us to use trails in the area such as the Vermont Trail and the Catamount Trail. Also, as a Long Trail hiker, I would support the addition of 3.1 miles of existing Long Trail to the National Forest Trail System as part of the pending South Pond acquisition.

Additionally, I GREATLY support the USDA Forest Service's proposal to create 34.9 miles of trail through new construction, relocation, and designation for mountain biking, hiking, and cross-country skiing will greatly enhance the ability of the public to enjoy this incredible public resource that is the Green Mountain National Forest.

These updates in outdoor recreation is why I live here and this opportunity should not be passed up. Thank you for your time and consideration.