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Comments: To all, for all are responsible.

The only action that should be taken by state or local authorities on Jackson Mountain would be illicit signs and enforcement of staying on trails. Anyone that has visited densely populated areas that were past habitats of declining species, can tell you how the Jackson trail proposal will look in five years, if it is passed. Just a recent visit of Treasure Falls show the degradation of habitat and vegetation from people not using posted trails. There are many other areas where land can be used for the recreational activities these people desire, which will not have an impact on the existing habitat.

"With the rise of peoples from savagery to civilization, and with the consequent growth in the extent and variety of the needs of the average man, there comes a steadily increasing growth of the amount demanded by this average man from the actual resources of the country. And yet, rather curiously, at the same time that there comes that increase in what the average man demands from the resources, he is apt to grow to lose the sense of his dependence upon nature. He lives in big cities. He deals in industries that do not bring him in close touch with nature. He does not realize the demands he is making upon nature. For instance, he finds, as he has found before in many parts of this country, that it is cheaper to build his house of concrete than of wood, learning in this way only that he has allowed the woods to become exhausted. That is happening, as you know, in parts of this country at this very time."

THEODORE ROOSEVELT: "CONSERVATION AS A NATIONAL DUTY" (13 MAY 1908)