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Comments: I am writing on behalf of the Catamount Trail Association (CTA) in support of the Forest Service's efforts to expand recreational access to public land in Vermont through the proposed recreation actions in the Telegraph IRP.

Specifically, the CTA supports the reroutes and improvements to the Catamount Trail south of Old Turnpike road as outlined in the proposed recreation actions. The CTA would also like to advocate for the Catamount Trail to be collocated with the Velomont South Pond Connector trail proposed between Old Turnpike Road and South Pond.

Furthermore, the CTA supports the Vermont Huts Associations application for a special use permit for a hut near South Pond, and the proposed recreation actions expanding and improving the Long Trail, VAST, and Velomont Trail systems in the IRP.