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Comments: I have read the proposal for changes to the Wilderness area management of trails and see no reason why these should not be implemented. Last summer I hiked the Great Gulf trail to the summit of Mt Washington and was appalled at the heavy use of the wilderness area. Having worked as a backcountry ranger in the Androscoggin district in the late 70's for 5 seasons I spent many nights in the Great Gulf, particularly around the area of the junction of the Sphinx and Great Gulf trails. The USFS had a tent there set up in the spring for the backcountry rangers to use all summer. That area has been "discovered" and is now open and overrun with use.

Relocation of trails due to overuse and decline to areas that can be better managed, is in my mind, the correct action given the fact that we are now loving our wilderness areas to death.

Sincerely,

Gary Newfield