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Comments: Dear U.S. Forest Service (FS),

I don't support the proposed Forest Plan amendment for White Mountain National Forest (WMNF) because it must address how wilderness trail management can be done now, without an amendment, and without routing more proposed trails (new or relocated) through wilderness.

This proposed amendment would weaken protection for currently trailless areas in wilderness, which protect plants and wildlife, support protection of wilderness from too much human use and disturbance, and provides a primitive experience for those who use wilderness.

The FS should conduct site-specific environmental analysis via the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for all proposed new and relocated trails that it proposes outside of established trail corridors in wilderness. This includes the proposed Webster Cliff Trail.

Trail relocation in wilderness, outside of designated trail corridors, is a violation of WMNF's wilderness plan. Analyzing, assessing, and evaluating proposed new and relocated trails on an individual basis allows for better analysis of impacts to wilderness.

The FS must relocate trails in wilderness within established trail corridors and not allow trail construction in all parts of the 150,000 acres of wilderness in WMNF.

The FS must not use a Categorical Exclusion to amend its Forest Plan when dealing with proposed new or relocated trails. A Forest Plan amendment has lasting and wide-ranging impacts, and must be undertaken only with rigorous analysis and public feedback.

All trail relocation work in wilderness must be completed using traditional skills and tools, rather than motorized and mechanized equipment.