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The belief that the Forest Service should eliminate its proposed Forest Plan amendment for the White Mountain National Forest as it contemplates Wilderness trail management.

Amending the Forest Plan to allow trail relocation throughout Wilderness might lessen the protections for current areas without trail - which help protect plants and wildlife, keeping Wilderness from being overrun by people, and it offers a more real experience in these areas.

The Forest Service should conduct site-specific NEPA analysis for all trail relocations proposals outside of established trail corridors in Wilderness, including for the Webster Cliff Trail. Trail relocation in Wilderness outside of designated trail corridors is an exception to the WMNF's Wilderness plan, and looking at trail relocation on an individual basis allows for better analysis of impacts to Wilderness.

The Forest Service really should make every effort to relocate trails in Wilderness within established trail corridors.

I truly believe the Forest Service should not use a Categorical Exclusion to amend its Forest Plan. A Forest Plan amendment will have lasting and wide-ranging impacts, and should only be undertaken with rigorous and thorough analysis as well as public feedback.

All trail relocation work in Wilderness should be completed using traditional skills and tools, rather than motorized and mechanized equipment.
Thank you!