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Comments: Please drop your proposed Forest Plan amendment for the White Mountain National Forest as it considers how to address Wilderness trail management. Amending the Forest Plan to allow trail relocation throughout Wilderness could weaken protections for currently trail-free areas, that help protect plants and wildlife, keep Wilderness from being overrun by humans, and offer a truly primitive experience or those who venture into these areas.

Please instead conduct site-specific NEPA analysis for all trail relocations proposed outside 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.

And please make every effort to relocate trails in Wilderness within established trail corridors.

Please do not use a Categorical Exclusion to amend a Forest Plan. A Forest Plan amendment will have lasting and wide-ranging impacts, and should only be undertaken with rigorous analysis and public feedback.

Finally, please ensure that all trail relocation work in Wilderness uses only traditional skills and tools, rather than motorized and mechanized equipment.

Thank you