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Comments: Here are my comments Wilderness Standard Forest Plan Amendment Trail Management # 63551.

The Forest Service should drop its 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 trailless areas, which 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.

The Forest Service should instead conduct site-specific NEPA analysis for all trail relocations it proposes 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.

I believe relocate of trails in Wilderness should be done within established trail corridors.

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

It is very important to me that trail relocation work in Wilderness should be completed using traditional skills and tools, rather than motorized and mechanized equipment. Use of motorized equipment in Wilderness is inconsistent with th Wildeness as any Forest Service Wilderness manager should know.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

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