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Comments: Intact, unfragmented, and trailless areas of land are becoming increasingly rare in the Northeast, especially in Vermont. I strongly discourage the development of new recreation trails into areas that are trailless, as persistent human presence follows this development, which puts additional stress on wildlife. If Velomont trail network is to be routed through GMNF I believe it should utilize existing service roads or trails and that no purpose built trails should be placed in the National Forest.

In regards to roads, I don't support any new permanent roads. However, where road repairs are required I strongly support the opportunity to do culvert work that would assist in flood resiliency and aquatic organism passage.

I support forestry management that will improve early successional habitat, restore oak stands, support age-class diversity, and reduce the risk of the spread of pests and diseases. While I feel carbon sequestration an objective worth noting, ultimately it will be achieved as a byproduct of forestry management practices focussed around the aforementioned objectives. Option C seems to be a reasonable compromise of the proposed options.

Finally, I do not support a maple sugaring operation in the GMNF and its associated infrastructure and equipment.

Regards,

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