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Comments: Thanks for doing a site-specific analysis through an EA for the Webster Cliff Trail and by proposing to complete trail work without motorized tools and equipment.

An alternative to consider is relocating this part of the Webster Cliff Trail within the 1,000-foot wide existing trail corridor in the Wilderness, assuming-as the scoping letter does-that the proposed reroute is outside of the trail corridor. Please make every effort to relocate trails in Wilderness within established trail corridors.

Is there a reason why the Forest Service believes the Webster Cliff Trail must be relocated outside of the trail corridor in this specific area? The maps should also locate where the trail corridor is located as it is possible some or all of the proposed reroute might actually be in the corridor. The agency claims this trail section needs major relocation due to steep terrain, but provides no evidence-such as photos-in the scoping letter, and the proposed relocation seems to be in an equally steep location above Webster Brook. Also, trail structures such as water bars are decades old, suggesting the problem may be one of inadequate maintenance. Please demonstrate that the trail relocation won't result in the same problem a few decades from now.

Another alternative is reducing use on the trail. The Forest Service admits that increased use is a major reason for the proposed trail relocation. The relocation would increase the length of the trail in Wilderness, thereby increasing negative impacts on the Wilderness.

The Forest Service must adequately analyze the impacts to Wilderness. These include, but aren't limited to, increasing the physical scars in Wilderness from the old trail and the new proposed trail segment, the possibility this problem may repeat itself in the new proposed location, and impacts to wildlife from relocating a well-used trail to an area closer to Webster Brook.

Changing the AT is a pretty bold idea--and one that might be reconsidered as well.

I saw a Canada Lynx in the wilderness one time--amazing experience!!! Please keep their, and other similar animals' habitats pure and wild--don't move the trail into "their" space. Thanks for considering.