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Our federal 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 new trails and trail relocation throughout Wilderness could weaken protections for those areas without trails which help protect plants and wildlife, to offer a truly primitive experience for those who venture into these areas. The agency should first analyze and create a trail monitoring report and then consider trail management options to include site-specific analysis and a more informed commenting process. The Forest Service should conduct site-specific NEPA analysis, for all new trails and trail relocations it proposes outside of established trail corridors in designated Wilderness as it did for the Webster Cliff Trail. Trail relocation in Wilderness outside of designated trail corridors is an exception to the WMNF's Wilderness Plan and considering trail relocation on an individual basis allows for better analysis of impacts to our shared American Wilderness areas which are sacred in so many ways and to so many creatures whether they be two-legged or four-legged, winged or finned.

Thanks for your consideration- on behalf of all of our families!