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Comments: The Forest Service needs to conduct site-specific assessments for all trail relocations or new trails within Wilderness. This allows for better analysis of impacts to Wilderness. If the agency amends its Forest Plan, it may not consider all impacts to Wilderness from future trail relocations or additions to its wilderness trail system. Additionally, trail relocations in Wilderness could possibly happen within established trail corridors, making a Forest Plan amendment unnecessary.

The Forest Service should not weaken wilderness protections in trailless areas by amending its Forest Plan to allow trails potentially throughout Wilderness on the White Mountain National Forest. The agency should first analyze and create a trail monitoring report and then consider trail management options. Doing so would include site-specific analysis, transparency, and a more informed commenting process.

Additionally, the Forest Service should carry out all future trail work using traditional skills and tools rather than mechanized motorized equipment.