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Comments: I attended the last meeting in Brandon which is in Rutland County and was wondering why the meeting was not held in Addison County where the project is being considered.

Goshen is in Addison County, not Brandon.

I am not in support of using the National Forest as a test site for increasing tourism and human encroachment.

I used to do a lot of primitive camping in the area where Silver Lake is located and my belief is that this area is easily accessible to most people to enjoy the outdoors in a primitive natural state without all the comforts of home.

It is one of the few places where you don't need to hear traffic, iPods and screaming people recreating on the beach. My feeling is that if you want that kind of experience, hit Branbury Beach.

Since the pandemic started there have been more humans newly interacting in this area and with this I have personally witnessed more garbage and noise, less animals, increased erosion and less respect for an area which in my opinion needs protection from idiots.

I have hiked to Rattlesnake Point. From both side and NEW TRAILS do not need to be increased or adjusted.

We don't need anymore mountain bike trails (some being illegally cut in the area here and at the Mt. Horrid area by local enthusiasts. Mountain bikes are a big problem to hikers, plants and the soil in general.

Why can't the agency just leave well enough alone? Is it going to take a negative experience with a black bear to stop the encroachment of disrespectful humans from trespassing in one of the only wild places they can still live?

Deforestation and tourism of the wild areas should be a crime.

The Blueberry management area is a perfect example of asking for forgiveness from a sensitive area where much damage was done to allegedly benefit. It may never recover or take several lifetimes to heal from the trauma of "management".

Funny thing how carcinogenic chemicals are being considered as a treatment for invasive species when the actual invasive species is human kind trying to change the natural evolution of our precious strip of land we call our "Natural Forest". I remember the years of DDT applications and the fact we lost several years of natural species due to the fact the use of this toxin was considered saving the environment. The food chain is a part of the herbaceous ecosystem as well as trees imposing one species over another.

Just look at the old stone walls, which are now only slightly determinable, to see how the land changes over time.

I find also the ideas of overnight huts, promoted and the profits of their rental by private enterprise, to be a total abomination to our natural environment.

Stop making VT Disneyland and start considering the bigger picture of the damage caused by human intervention into our lands that need protection NOT promotion.