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Development of three backcountry zones in close proximity to Mount Snow off the Deerfield Ridge trail for additional backcountry skiing recreation.

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My name is RJ Adler and I am commenting in support of:

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Date submitted (Eastern Standard Time): 4/7/2019 8:55:35 AM

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Comments:

Dear Forest Ranger:

I write these comments from several perspectives: A landowner of 150 acres surrounded by the National Forest and the Stratton Town Forest, an avid outdoorsman, a fanatical nordic skier, a canoeist, a member of the Wilmington Trails Committee, and a person who has utilized this very section of the National Forest all of my life, having lived here my entire life, so far.

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First, as a landowner, I am wholly supportive of the logging that is planned for this project. As a teenager, I remember skking out in Somerset and having several log jobs going each winter. These log jobs created roads, created great habitat for wildlife (and hence good hunting areas), and these log jobs meant jobs and some income from some common sense logging practices. To the extent that the logging is done on the east side of Somerset Reservoir and up the west side of that ridge, I would love to dovetail my forest management plan in with such a logging operation. To coordinate logging in that area would reduce the multiple disturbance of the same area, would utilize woods and winter roads concurrently, and keep the health of the forest more uniform in that area. So, please be in touch with me about log jobs on the east side of Somerset. As to the log jobs on the west side, it is my recommendation that these be completed in such a manner that there is a snowmobile by-pass, such as the old cabin trail when Corridor 7 is being used more heavily by log trucks. Snowmobilers and log trucks can co-exist, as they do in Norther New Hampshire. It is the rule of the one with more lug nuts has the right of way! But, to keep open the old cabin trail creates a great detour when log trucks are on that section of Corridor 7 to the east of the old cabin trail. Overall, though, I am in support of the logging.

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Second, I am supportive of the new trails near Handle Road and Mount Snow. My only criticism is that this plan is not enough. There should be much more of such an expansion of these trails in that area, including a MUST FIX RIDGE TRAIL! The Ridge Trail is in dire need of three things: One, a re-route around the bog, two, a mowing/masculation? of the trail to widen its actual hiking/skiing width, and three, the creation of two look-outs facing west which take advantage of the beautiful view over Somerset. These lookouts can be done such that they are not visible cuts in the ridgeline. Please contact me if you would like to hike that and see where I mean. Further, there is no need to decommission the trail up to Haystack from Forbush Road. This trail can be easily reclaimed and upgraded, and the Wilmington Trail COmmittee would be happy to assist. In fact, there should be more connection from Haystack to Chimney Hill and then west from the knoll of Chimney Hill development over into Searsburg. These trails can be for multi use hiking, skiing and biking.

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Third, I am a cross country skier through and through. I have skied in Somerset most of my life and continue to do so, both back country and on the snowmobile trails. Most good cross country skiers use these snowmobile trails as they are nicely groomed and they provide large mile loops which are great for training. With much of the US Cross Country Team training in Stratton, these trails are a great resource for training. Thus, making more trails and keeping the highest number of snowmobile trails available is paramount. The Catamount Trail on the east side of the reservoir is awful. It is no more than a hiking trail that one can walk-ski on. It is better suited to snowshoeing than for skiing. The solution to this trail is make an extension north from the current snowmobile trail on the east side of the reservoir where the snowmobile trail turns east up over the mountain to Route 100. From that sharp right turn, there should be a x-c country ski trail cut that proceeds north along old remnants of logging trails to Blueberry swamp and then connect up to the larger log roads that lead to Grout

Pond. Again, I am happy to walk this section with anyone who wishes. The point is that the catamount trail should be improved on the east side of the lake.

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Fourth, as to the decommissioning of trails, please do NOT do this. The two trails that definitely should not be decommissioned are the loop that goes down from the Kelly Stand Road to the north end of Somerset and loops back to Grout Pond. I skied this trail just a month ago and it was great. Not only that, but the trail provides a wonderful loop from Kelly Stand down to the lake, then on the lake south to the damn and then west to corridor 7 and then back north to the Kelly Stand Road. Decommissioning the trail eliminates a great ski loop. Further, the trail is a great running trail that incorporates a swim in the middle it. Next, the old cabin trail west of corridor 7 should also be kept. Again, it makes a nice loop for skiing and hiking. Without it, one is going north on corridor 7 and back on corridor 7, which is more boring than doing a loop. So, PLEASE DO NOT DECOMMISSION THESE TRAILS!!!

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Fifth, the current snowmobile trails that go west from corridor 7 and loop around by Cub Lincoln's camp should be made available for mountain biking. These are excellent gravel roads except for the approximate 1/4 connection which goes up over the hill and past the beaver pond. That area is grassy in the summer and would be fine for the minimal mountain biking that occurs out there. I would recommend making those trails open for mountain biking. If the usage ever got so great that it needed to be curtailed, that could be done at that time, but there is very little bike traffic out there currently and given its remoteness, it is unlikely to get a lot of use. So, let the bikes on it and monitor it.

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Last, I would recommend improving the old road up Rake Branch from Somerset Road. That makes for a great skiing, rabbit hunting, and hiking area, not to mention good deer hunting in there.

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I thank you for the opportunity to comment. I am available to discuss any of these recommendations with any forest service personnel and would be happy to hike any sections. I am available at [redacted] or [redacted]

Thank You.

Sincerely,

Bob Fisher

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Comments:

Hello! I am in favor of all of the following and hope they are included in your final plan:

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All of these would greatly enhance my experience in the National Forest.

Thank you!



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 To: RJ Thompson

"Somerset Integrated Resources Project #53706

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I agree on The construction a four season hut, Improving water quality and Sanitation, Construction of approximately 2.0 miles new trail, Construction Of 2.1 miles of trail connecting the proposed mountain bike trail, Constr auction of approximately 0.4 miles of cross-country ski trail, adding a 0.7 mile existing segment of the Catamount Trail, development of three backcountry zones.

All 7 comments sounds good go me, do a good job, make it safe and fun. I'm in Texas for right now. I was trying to get to Burlington Jazz Festival, starting May 1st to May 6th.

If I don't make it up there have fun for me.

Date submitted (Eastern Standard Time): 4/8/2019 8:28:35 AM

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Comments:

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I have lived in VT for 30 years and am now living in NYC for a 2 year assignment. I treasure the opportunity to have outdoor experiences and am a huge fan of the work being done by the VT Hut Association. Their ability to offer, maintain, improve and provide a vision for backcountry use of cabins is commendable. The construction of a four-season hut off the Camp Loop Trail at Grout Pond would be amazing. I support

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