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Ms. Michelle Winters
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Dear Administrator Winters and Supervisor Savage:

Thank you for your letter dated September 23, 2020 to the Towns of Columbia and Colebrook outlining a status update and your proposed next steps for the use of the out-of-service state owned railroad corridor. The Town of Colebrook is interested in OHRV as well as non-motorized use of the section of railroad corridor from North of the Columbia Town Hall properties to NH Rte. 26/Bridge Street in Colebrook.

We understand that your response includes status update and proposed next steps for the Columbia portion of the railroad corridor which runs from the Columbia Bridge to the Columbia owned property abutting Simms Stream next to the old Town Hall as well as the portion from the old Town Hall, north to Route 26/Bridge Street in Colebrook. The Town of Colebrook agrees with the "next steps" as outlined in your September 23 letter. We hope to accomplish two main goals by using the portion of the out-of-service-state-owned railroad corridor between the Old Town Hall property in Columbia, North to Rte. 26/Bridge Street in Colebrook for OHRV travel:

- Decrease or eliminate OHRV traffic on town roads
- Increase commerce among North Country towns by connecting OHRV trails among our towns and with various north country businesses such as restaurants and motels.

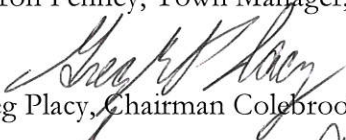
To that end, in partnership with the Town of Columbia, we would like to proceed with DNCR as a point of contact for the filing of the STB discontinuance and abandonment documents. Please advise us of the name or names of the personnel at DNCR with whom we should be in contact regarding next steps. We are copying the Town of Columbia on this response to your letter.

Thank you, again, for your attention and response to our request to proceed with this exciting project.

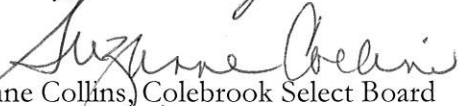
Sincerely,



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