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Dear Commissioners, Mount Washington Commission,

Over the past decade I have visited Mt. Washington's summit numerous times: as a hiker, a tourist, and an educator. I realize that the proposed master plan has the difficult task of satisfying a large number of interests plus the necessity of fiscal sustainability.

Quite frankly, at this point the summit is an ugly agglomeration of concrete and gravel parking lots. The state has the opportunity to maintain and improve existing structures, while protecting the fragile ecosystem around the summit. Mt. Washington is a busy place, visited by hard-core and casual lovers of nature alike. In my opinion it provides an outstanding opportunity to demonstrate the feasibility of sustainable development.

Upgrades to the summit should have an environmental footprint as small as possible. This includes minimization of waste, energy use, but also light and noise emissions. As an educator I want to stress the educational opportunities: these design changes should be highlighted to the visiting public to show that New Hampshire is a forward-looking state that takes the protection of its natural resources and beauty seriously.

Regards,
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