

From: [Save Forest Lake](#)
To: [DNCR: Mt Washington Comments](#)
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Good Morning Mt. Washington Commission Members:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed "Lizzie Station" development project. In light of sharing that opinion, I would like to request that the MWC conduct a thorough and independent Environmental and Climate Assessment (E&CA) of the Summit Region and the entirety of Mt. Washington, and that there be a complete moratorium on any future expansion, development or construction of any kind on Mt Washington, until the completion of the E&C Assessment and the subsequent Master Plan. I know my opinion will matter little, but I think it appropriate that the July 5, 2022 Draft Master Plan be rejected in its entirety and that no MWC Master Plan be written and approved before a credible Environmental and Climate Assessment has been completed.

I would also like to bring your attention to this recent news story:

Canadian hiker dies on Mount Washington

- *Staff report*
- *Aug 25, 2022*

A Canadian man died after he collapsed on Mount Washington on Thursday afternoon.

A 46-year-old man from Quebec had been hiking with his adult son, when he collapsed at the summit of Mount Washington on Thursday, according to a news release from the New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game.

The man and his son were at the Lake of the Clouds hut when the man said he felt short of breath, but they decided to slowly climb to the top of the mountain. Just a few steps from the summit parking lot, the man fell.

Bystanders, including two nurses and a doctor who happened to be on the mountain, performed CPR until state park officials drove the man down the Mount Washington Auto Road to an ambulance.

The man was pronounced dead, according to the Department of Fish and Game.

https://www.unionleader.com/news/health/canadian-hiker-dies-on-mount-washington/article_8b5c1d47-83c7-548b-ad41-61e3fae69bcb.html?block_id=849467

This begs the question, relative to the proposed Lizzie's Station sleeper car motel project: What kind of emergency services are available should there be a medical emergency in the middle of the evening for a motel guest? Who is liable? Who bears the expense? How much of a time delay would there be in the case of such an emergency, compared to another one, let's say at the Omni Mt Wash? If an emergency crew member is injured in response to a call atop the summit, who bears the liability? Will the sleeper cars be ADA compliant? It seems the Cog itself may not be fully ADA compliant. All questions that need to be answered relative to this irresponsible, dangerous and destructive vanity project that does not serve the public's interest. Thus, any variance requests for this project should rightfully be denied since it cannot meet the standard for variance approval.

Thank You!

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*"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."
-The Lorax*

Do not allow this proposed development to scar the beautiful landscape of the North Country for generations to come

Please Sign The Petition To Overturn Governor's Veto of HB1454! [HB1454Petition](#)

Join us for a "Rally at the Capitol" on September 15th,
"Veto Override Day", 11AM, wear blue to symbolize water!