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Cog Railway expansion on Mt. Washington is a bad idea.

The proposed cog expansion is purely and simply, a hotel compound. Sure, it's composted of portable rail cars, and seasonal, but a hotel none the less. It will require all the infrastructure of a hotel, water, bathrooms, septic, electricity, etc.

Although the cars will be seasonal, many of the infrastructure features that go with it will not be. Imagine the impact that years of construction equipment and activity will have on the natural beauty and local environment. A few extra railway cars sound neat and clean in comparison to the actual aesthetic damage and environmental impact this project will create.

Now imagine the hotel patron, after a night of drinking, that decides to check out the view. What are the chances this person falls, gets hurt, or lost wandering away from the compound.? Now overstretched rescue personal have another rescue mission to deal with. What about the empty glass or beer bottle in their hand. What are the odds it ends up at the bottom of the Ammonoosuc Ravine?

The Cog Railway already seems to give a blind eye to the environmental impact of their activities. If you have ever walked near their property, you would be disgusted on how much scrap coal and other track debris litters the land from their activity.

Miles of track length is bordered on both sides by coal dust, which in no doubt impacts the surrounding environment. Instead of allowing them to spend millions to build more high impact infrastructure on the slopes of one of NH's finest natural features, how about they clean up the environmental disaster they have already caused.

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