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Dear Commissioners, Mount Washington Commission,

I'm unable to attend your open hearings so please allow me to submit comments here regarding The Mount Washington Summit Master Plan.

First a bit about me: I'm a lifelong hiker and have been affiliated with the AMC for over half a century, as member, active volunteer, and paid staffer. I worked for the AMC Construction Crew for 6 years and am intimately familiar with the summit and the many uses that occur there. I'm also chairman of the OH Association, the alumni association for AMC hut employees.


First and foremost, summit operations should be environmentally sustainable and benign. Any development plan will inevitably have to balance competing uses and interests—including tourism and scientific research—with environmental protection. Development that negatively impacts the fragile summit ecosystem should be avoided as this would destroy not only habitat but also many of the reasons tourists go there in the first place.

The summit has great potential for educational outreach. The Cog Railway, Observatory, and State Park should be encouraged to expand their interpretive services explaining the natural and social history of the mountain and the surrounding region. This would be to everyone's benefit.

Lastly, I'm in complete agreement with the AMC that any Master Plan should involve additional studies, site plans, and operational plans, which should be coordinated with the USFS, Obs, State of NH, AMC, and other summit stakeholders.

Thanks for considering my comments.

Regards,
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