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To: <u>DNCR: Mt Washington Comments</u>

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Dear Mount Washington Commission,

I am writing to you to express my strong opposition to the Cog Railway proposal to further develop and exploit the ecologically precious and vulnerable Mt. Washington summit and surrounding area.

Mt. Washington State Park is home to rare arctic tundra that provides habitat to threatened species of birds, flowers, and other wildlife. Further development of the summit area would attract more foot and auto traffic which will further pollute and damage ecosystems that, already stressed, are highly susceptible to damage.

Before any further steps are taken on the Lizzie Bourne Station proposed development, you, the Mt. Washington Commission must conduct a thorough, independent, environmental and climate assessment of the summit region and the entirety of Mt. Washington. There must be no advancement of this project without such an assessment being completed by independent ecologists and climate scientists.

I love living alongside the rare beauty of New Hampshire. The integrity and health of an area as ecologically special and critical to numerous rare and threatened species of native North Eastern wildlife. If lost, these species and ancient ecosystems will be gone forever.

They must not be sacrificed for private interests but rather protected for the benefit of all the public.

Regards,



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