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

Subject: Lizzie Bourne Station

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Mount Washington Commission,

I am writing to express my opinions regarding the Draft Master Plan and the Lizzie Bourne Station.

As an avid hiker and NH resident, I am strongly opposed to the building of the Lizzie Bourne Station or any other structure to be added to Mount Washington and/or its vicinity.

As you are aware, Mount Washington is home to a unique Alpine Tundra Zone that represents less than 0.07% of the New Hampshire landscape. It is also home to nearly 5 dozen rare species of plants and 2 rare species of butterflies and is so sensitive that winter camping is not permitted.

With climate change already further risking this delicate eco system, the Lizzie Bourne Station will add more people, more foot traffic, and more damage. It will take away from the natural, beautiful views of the Whites and will be a safety hazard to those visiting the Lizzie Bourne Station who are unprepared for the elements.

I am asking the commission to:

- Reject the Lizzie Bourne Station development
- Conduct a thorough, independent, environmental and climate assessment of the summit region and all of Mt Washington BEFORE starting the master plan
- Institute a complete moratorium on development until the completion of the environmental and climate assessment and master plan
- Reject the July 5, 2022 draft master plan

It is within your power to protect New Hampshire's White Mountains and I hope that you will listen to the people and represent our concerns fairly and thoroughly.

Sincerely,

Cody Auterio

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