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DNCR: Mt Washington Comments opposed to expansion on summit Wednesday, August 31, 2022 8:25:36 AM

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Dear committee,

I am vigorously opposing the increase of traffic on this iconic mountain. As you know, there are unique species here and people working hard to safeguard them. Even though I no longer hike this peak (due to the crowds) I know that protecting the habitat and the essence of the mountain from the abuse of overuse is important to the well-being of the entire state. If we ruin this mountain further...

Baxter State Forest in Maine was cognizant of this threat decades ago. Limiting tourists has not hurt their economy and has elevated their status.

This is a stupid idea driven by short sighted profit.

Conduct a full, independent, and thorough E & CA of the entire summit and supporting landscape before any update of the so-called Master Plan.

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