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Good morning,

I'm writing you today to express my disgust, as a NH native, at the blatant disregard for the sensitive ecosystems on Mt. Washington.

Going ahead with any proposals of renovation, expansion and hotel development at this time, with no unbiased scientific reports and research to truly know the environmental costs of such proposals, is reckless, at best, and greedy at worst. How are we to know the impacts of such development without neutral third party scientific study? How are we to know we aren't further degrading this already fragile habitat if you refuse to do the scientific studies needed to create a new, updated Master Plan? A full, comprehensive study of the entire mountain is definitely called for, given that no such thing has been done in well over 2 generations. Who knows what rare species may be discovered? Or how many rare and threatened species use the mountain as their breeding grounds, or home?

To simply forge ahead with plans to scatter human congestion and to allow the Cog to build a hotel is pure Idiocracy! We should be working to protect this delicate ecosystem for generations to come, not exploiting it for every penny until the entire mountain is a trash heap.

The new, July 5th Master Plan needs to be thrown out, and a new one drafted after full feasibility and scientific studies can be conducted and considered. A moratorium on any new development and any major redevelopment or refurbishment should be in acted until such studies are complete. The several years such studies would take are a small price to pay to ensure the entirety of the Mt Washington ecosystem is protected and properly managed, even if such studies show that allowing fewer yearly visitors is warranted.

It's time for us to set greed aside and to protect the things worthy of protection, such as the Crown Jewel of NE that Mt Washington is. Not everything that Can be exploited should be exploited.

Thank you
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