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Dear Commissioners, Mount Washington Commission,

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I commend you for drafting a clear, concise, useful master plan for the summit of Mt. Washington.

I encourage you to maintain and focus on these priorities for the Summit:

1. Careful and detailed assessments and protection of the alpine ecosystems
2. No new accommodations for human overnight stays on or near the summit (e.g., as proposed by the cog railway company)
3. Informed and planned management of the number of human visitors coming to the summit via the auto road, cog railway, and hiking trails
4. Sustainable management of all wastes and energy systems from operations at the summit. I encourage the use of heat pumps, solar panels on roofs, but not windmills or solar panels on the ground.
5. Careful planning to minimize the development of unsightly structures on the summit. This has been a major change since 1970, and not for the better.

Regards,  
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