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Comments for consideration by the Mount Washington Commission

I have been hiking and climbing on Mt. Washington for over 50 years, most recently, at age 75, two days ago up the Tuckerman Ravine trail and down Lion Head. I am a long-time member of the American Alpine Club and the Appalachian Mountain Club, as well as specifically New Hampshire-focused conservation organizations. For forty years I led high school students on hiking, rock climbing, and ice climbing trips in the White Mountains generally and to Mt. Washington specifically.

I am adamantly opposed to the Cog Railway's proposal to create a hotel with 18 cars at the 5800' level, for aesthetic, environmental, and philosophical reasons.

I do understand and support the importance of accessibility to the summit for those who cannot or do not wish to hike/climb. But the number of people that the proposed hotel would bring is too large. And the increased time during which the impact of those numbers would be felt is frightening: more water used, more sewage produced, more trash generated, more physical crowds, more unprepared accidents waiting to happen.

Improve the mountain, but do not jeopardize its appeal, its environmental health, or the experience of those who reach its summit by whatever means.

No hotel!

Thank you for your consideration,
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