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Dear Parks and Recreation staff,

I hiked up Mt. Washington yesterday to find throngs at the top, from the auto road, the cog railway and quite a few hikers. Adding "hotel" cars to this mix is insane. Aside from the income to the railway, and the bragging rights to participants, what is the advantage to public recreation? Before you give approval to this purely commercial and not public benefit scheme, please complete an environmental and climate assessment of the summit and the entire mountain. I was appalled, walking out by the Cog Railway, to discover that they are still running two coal burning engines! In this day and age! Some people find it romantic. The pollution from those spreads a stench all across the western slope of the mountain. I'm sure that an assessment would find climate impact from that practice. The uses already deployed need re-assessment for their climate and environmental impact.

Yours, Jonathan Chaffee