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To Whom It May Concern:

The guidelines for Mt Washington State Park specify that the mountain and summit should be kept in a natural state while observing the rights of the weather station, auto road, and cog railway. The cog railway is a railway which is not the same as a hotel. A hotel will change Mount Washington both aesthetically, and ecologically -- a hotel is visible whether to those enjoying the summit or to those looking up from the valley. A hotel (on tracks or not) needs water, waste disposal, heat, food, staff, electricity, and parking. These needs will require infrastructure -- either new or existing. If new, then that means new construction. If existing, that means greater load and shorter lifespan for the existing. This is inconsistent with the mandate and not in the interest of New Hampshire. Ninety-nine percent of the visitors to the White Mountains come to experience nature, not development. There are already ample hotels in the area. Why would you significantly diminish an already fragile asset? My belief is that in the long run it will detract more than enhance visits to NH. I will be more motivated to go to better preserved areas such as Maine or the Adirondacks in New York.

Sincerely

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