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Dear Commissioners, Mount Washington Commission,

It is urgent for everyone to do everything within our power to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

On Mt Washington, this means banning internal combustion vehicle traffic. Yes, this means that only EV's would be sporting that hokey "This Car Climbed Mt Washington" bumper sticker. Really, no car should be climbing Mt Washington. Maybe an electric jitney could bring guests up and down.

And, the Cog Railway needs to be electrified. Like, now.


In addition, the Commission should carefully consider the carrying capacity of the summit and plan for facilities that accommodate an appropriate number of visitors. Allowing for or encouraging a significant growth in the number of visitors would place an undue burden on the unique alpine ecology of this site, where sensitive plant species have already been significantly impacted by heavy use.

The Commission must plan for improving the physical accessibility of summit facilities and the visitor experience should be enhanced for all persons when considering any user fee proposals for future access.

The summit improvements should be informed by a comprehensive set of environmental studies that must be completed to understand potential impacts. A summit assessment should incorporate these environmental studies, to avoid, minimize and mitigate any potential impacts on Mt Washington's alpine ecology.

The Master Plan must seek to manage a sustainable footprint on Mount Washington that includes achieving net zero emissions and minimizing waste, noise and light pollution, and scenic impacts of current and future operations.

Finally, the Master Plan outlines additional studies, site plans, and operational plans that will need to be developed. These plans and their implementation should be done in close coordination with the United States Forest Service and other stakeholders to ensure the greatest degree of planning across a larger, integrated landscape.

Regards,
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