

The Mount Washington Commission
Master Plan Comments,
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Re: Lizzie Bourne Station

To the Commissioners:

I write to express my concern about the proposed redevelopment of the summit of Mount Washington. My concern is heightened by the fact that this newest proposal appears to have a fast-track heading even before a basic study is done of the effect of current human impact on the delicate environment of the summit.

To undertake this new development before a thorough environmental and climate assessment has been made would be to compound the same mistake that was made before the construction of the Sherman Adams building. This is particularly true now, when we are just beginning to experience the effects of climate change. For the same reasons that the National Forest was created, that is, the preservation of our environment and precious natural resources, the quasi-unique environment of the summit area needs study, preservation, and conservation.

Before creating facilities that will, or could, adversely create further unforeseen and adverse changes of this natural habitat it is essential that a thorough environmental and climate study be researched and studied. It is also important that the findings of such a study be a governing factor in the decision-making process leading to any future development. It is also critical that the environmental study recommendations be implemented after their review and adoption.

There was no such in-depth study, nor planning, when the Sherman Adams facility was conceived and built. We understand the drive to make the summit as available to as many people as commerce can get to it. But in seeking to maximize numbers we should not ignore the fact that we might just destroy the attraction. Is a line of old sleeper cars and wagon-lits lined up on the summit in keeping with the majesty of the White Mountains? The summit is an amazing natural environment, please keep it that way.



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