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LD 676

I am writing to oppose the bill to remove the railroad tracks from the Mountain Division. The tracks need to stay in place for future use to serve local businesses to move freight and bring in people to boost tourism. Both of these would boost economic development in the towns the rail runs through while keeping these towns connected to the National Rail Network. A railroad has even expressed interest in operating the tracks so this isn't just some crazy idea to keep the tracks for no reason. As per the Rail Preservation Act any non-rail use is to be treated as interim until a railroad presents itself. As the Conway Scenic Railroad has presented itself, any trail use whether planned or constructed must cease while the railroad is heard out. Please vote "Ought Not to Pass" on LD 676.

Thank you