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Hello,

My name is Derek and I am from Standish, Maine. I don't think that making the Mountain Division a trail is a good idea. As a railroad employee, I've seen many opportunities come up for expansion. I think it is also a known fact that people are migrating to the outer suburbs of Portland and a commuter rail link using the Mountain is feasible. I also think that some kind of service from Portland to North Conway would work out well. I encourage a thorough passenger rail study be done before a final decision is made. Also, I can't see a high volume of bike/pedestrian traffic for this long stretch, especially with minimal places for people to stop and get food or drink. There may be a few users but for the amount of money that will be spend on paving a new trail seems like a waste. I advocate to keep the railroad as it is before it's too late.