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LD 404

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My name is Clay Gleason, I live in Waterboro, ME. I am writing in support of LD 404 to allow the Mountain Division corridor to become a trail and LD 1450 to help fund the building of the trail.

The best use for the state-owned Mountain Division corridor is a wide paved trail for walkers, bikers, and runners, which will be accessible to people of all ages and abilities. This trail extension will connect to the 9 miles of Mountain Division rail-trail that already exists in Fryeburg and in Gorham and Windham.

This project will support the economies of the towns the Trail runs through by attracting visitors who use the trail for recreation and who will spend money at local businesses. It may also draw families to the region which would benefit our school district through increased enrollment. The Trail will also provide additional opportunities for our area youth to be outside, engaged in lifelong, healthy activities and get them away from screens and electronic devices, a problem that has become significant in our society. I am in support of these Bills and the expansion of the Trail.

Thank you,
Clay Gleason
Superintendent of Schools
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