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LD 404

Good afternoon,

I am writing in SUPPORT of LD404, the Mountain Division Rail Use Advisory Council's majority recommendation, Trail Until Rail (Option II). My name is Bob Green, a 47-year resident living in Gorham and (currently) Standish, and a general dentist (now retired) practicing for 39 years in Windham. I moved my family to Maine from urban America because (among many reasons) of its wholesome outdoors appeal. As an avid cyclist I frequently use the MDT between routes 202 and 35 for biking, running, walking, and in the winter xc skiing, coexisting with snowmobiles (who unintentionally groom the trail for the skiers).

I just returned from a camping/biking trip to Quebec. I camped (among other places) at the North Beach Campground on Lake Champlain and the Burlington Vermont Greenway Trail and In Magog, Quebec at a site on the La Montagnarde, Verte 1 multiuse/bike trail (Quebec is replete with recreational trails). I am always amazed at the popularity of these trails and the pride citizens take in them.

Why not in our backyard? And if not now, when?

Respectfully,

Bob Green