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LD 404

Hello,

My name is Wendy Haskell, I live in Windham, Maine. I am writing in support of LD 404 to allow the Mountain Division corridor to become a trail & LD 1450 to help fund the building of the trail. I believe the best use for the state-owned Mountain Division corridor is a wide paved trail for walkers, bikers, and runners, accessible to people of all ages and abilities. I live in South Windham about 4 miles away from the Plummer Road access point to the existing trail. I ride my bicycle to the trail at least weekly from spring to fall. Riding on the roads is a bit of a risk to cyclists mostly I believe because of so many distracted drivers out there. Riding the rail trails feels SAFE. Last summer I got my brother to join me and now he loves this trail almost as much as I do. He drives from Skowhegan to my home in Windham to bike with me. We have gone to the South Windham end past Gambo Road to Route 202 and back to the Standish end. Last year we rode it many times and I've been riding it already this year. I will be 67 years old in a matter of days and riding this trail keeps me fit and reminds me of how much I loved riding a bike as a youth. I take my 5 grandchildren riding with me when they come to visit, something they love as well. This trail extension will connect to the highly used Mountain Division rail-trail that already exists in Gorham and Windham.

Thank you,
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