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LD 1450

Hello,

My name is Jim Ross, I live in Windham, and 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. 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. This trail extension will connect to the highly used Mountain Division rail-trail that already exists in Gorham and Windham.

I have been a regular user of the existing section from Windham to Standish for many years. As a cyclist, it's great to be able to ride and not have to be concerned about distracted drivers. The only problem is that if I want to ride further I need to go back on the (much less safe) roads. I would love to be able to ride all day safely, and in a quiet, natural environment.

I think a lot of people probably think as I do, and a trail that extended from Westbrook to Fryeburg would be a real draw, bringing tourists to the area. There just aren't many similar length off-road paved trails anywhere. It would really put Maine on the map in the cycling world.

Thanks for your consideration.