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Removing rail lines where existing railroads like Conway Scenic wish to operate eliminates opportunity and growth to the towns surrounding it.

It is much more difficult, and costly to re-institute rail lines. In Massachusetts, the newly reactivated Fall River & New Bedford service is not running over the optimal rail line (Stoughton to Taunton), but instead must be routed out of the way through Middleboro.

With the downeaster service at the end of this line, one could imagine future access to North Conway via this route.

It costs nothing to leave the route in place as-is. It costs future potential if the tracks are pulled up.