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The removal of the Maine Central Mountain Division in Western Maine is an act which will completely forfeit future rail industry in the region forever. The Mountain Division is a critical rail route connecting Northern New England and its removal would be catastrophic for the rail industry of that region. A better alternative would be to build a trail next to the railroad tracks, considering a portion of trail already exists alongside the Mountain Division. Rail with trail has grown exponentially in the United States since the turn of the century and is a much better option than just ripping up the rails. The protection of the Mountain Division in Western Maine should be top priority to ensure future rail endeavors are made possible.