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Dear Tyler:

Thank you and other members of the Granite Backcountry Alliance for taking the time to meet with us on March 16. Your presentation gave me a clearer idea of the opportunities your group is seeking to pursue. I applaud your group's success in rapidly organizing individual skiers and riders to collectively engage with members of my recreation staff and I look forward to developing that relationship further. I also understand that you have volunteered to assist in the maintenance of some of our historic ski trails on the White Mountain National Forest. This type of stewardship greatly assists our ability to continue providing these opportunities to the public. I remain hopeful that by working with your organization we can collaboratively discourage unauthorized maintenance from continuing.

During your presentation you introduced a long term vision of new opportunities you would like to pursue across the White Mountain National Forest. I discussed with you our Forest Plan objectives that looks at all the resource values and benefits people expect from their public land and ensuring we can provide these in a sustainable manner over time. I shared with you some of my concerns about my staff's ability to adequately analyze these proposals and manage their future implementation while juggling an already ambitious program of work. At this time, I am willing to move forward on evaluating the viability of two of your proposed projects: Bartlett Mountain and Baldface. This evaluation will include soliciting feedback from the public on the projects and evaluating the potential environmental effects these proposals may have on natural and cultural resources. Once we conducted this analysis we will have a clear understanding of the potential to implement these projects in the future. If any of these projects are approved you will need to work closely with my staff on an implementation plan. Brian Johnston will remain your primary point of contact for this project. Please coordinate directly with him on the next steps required for this to move forward.

Thank you for your interest and willingness to work collaboratively with the White Mountain National Forest to provide recreation opportunities for the public.



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cc: Brian Johnston, Jim Innes, Tiffany Benna, Marianne Leberman, Andy Welsh, Jennifer Barnhart, Brooke Brown

