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Please note the following abbreviated comments regarding the proposed Management Plan Lamoille Valley Rail Trail:

- The designated period for accepting written comments is insufficient and inconvenient, considering the holiday season. I urge you to extend this period to allow for input from interested citizens who may not be available on fairly short notice at this time of year, due to previously scheduled commitments.
- The vegetative management policy (as addressed in Section 13.0 Summer Maintenance) should explicitly restrict or prohibit the use of chemical herbicides, given the environmentally sensitive terrain in the vicinity of the Trail, and its proximity to residences and farms.
- The proposed composition and organization of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Committee needs further consideration. For instance, there's no explanation of the rationale for the reservation of a seat on the Committee for a VASA representative, or even an explanation of what VASA is. (I know what it is, but it doesn't appear to be mentioned anywhere else in the document.) There's no explanation for why VAST is given the power to appoint the Chair of the Committee; that position is typically elected by the group itself. (Note that there may be other organizational anomalies that I was unable to analyze due to time constraints.)

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,


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