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c/o VAST
26 VAST Lane
Barre, VT 05641

To Whom It May Concern:

As adjacent landowners to the Rail Trail, we feel compelled to express our concerns about the Management Plan. The overall lack of consideration for the adjacent landowners, and also the wildlife living in close proximity to the Rail Trail, is appalling.

A few of our concerns –

- 1) **The use of herbicides along the Trail.** We do not want herbicides sprayed along the Trail. The Trail borders our backyard where our children play. We do not want these poisons coming in contact with the area that our children play. It is bad enough that the noise and air pollution from the snowmobiles will be invading our environment. (Yes – Our home is substantially within 400 ft of the Rail Trail. VAST rules state no trails should be put within 400 ft of occupied dwellings. Yet this Trail is being put within 400 ft of thousands of occupied dwellings.) Additionally, we have many animal neighbors that live in ponds adjacent to the Rail Trail. We do not want the poisons going into the water and plants that these animals survive on.
- 2) **The lack of an enforcement plan.** There should be an enforcement plan in place before more people start using the Trail. We have already had problems with misuse of the Trail. (ie Approximately 9 ATV's running across our lawn to get around the bridge that is out on the Trail behind our house.) We contact the Lamoille County Planning Commission, our Representatives, etc and we get a bunch of shrugged shoulders. This isn't acceptable.

We appreciate your time in addressing some of our concerns.

Sincerely,
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