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Recently, at the gov. Conf. on Recreation I saw a slide show of the LVRT and was impressed by the presenters' spirit of cooperation and excited about the possibilities.

My enthusiasm was very much dampened when I read about the proposed spraying of herbicides.

If you go ahead with that plan, it will pit potential summer users against snow-mobilers and the trail will become a battleground.

On the other hand, keeping the trail open by manual control could become a fun and healthy activity for many diverse groups - Boy & Girl Scouts, hiking groups, bird watchers etc. and yes, maybe even local snow mobilers and could become a uniting force. This would add to the health and welfare of all without the cost and detrimental effects of spraying.

\$30,000 could go a long way towards materials for overnight shelters which could be built by local groups along the way.

Sincerely

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P.S. A name change, would be appropriate as we in the Passumpsic River Valley don't identify with the Lamouille Valley. - Vt. Emerald Aisle would be a better choice.