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To Whom it may concern,

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I write in regards to the Rail Trail Plan that is currently in the works. This is a wonderful benefit for all Vermonters, and needs to be respected as such.

I believe it is important that we maintain the trail in a way that is respectful and non-polluting; this means trail maintenance that does not use toxic herbicides, but is managed along organic, non-harmful methods. It would also require ^{at least} annual trash-pick-up. From what I have seen X.C. Stamp, et al appear that some snow-mobilers - certainly not all, though - have a tendency to leave their trash along the trailside rather than carrying out what they carry in.

I see absolutely no need or reason - unless there is a hidden agenda here - to have a VASA member on the trail's day-to-day management committee. As a landowner and trail user, I do not want ATVs on the trail, and I believe it should be managed by members of the groups/people who use it, not by special interest groups.

I appreciate your attention to this process, and trust that you will guard the interests of the public accordingly.

Thank you,
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