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Please consider my Comments re Proposed Management Plan for the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail. (Numbers relate to heading numbers of the October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, Interim Plan.

2.0 Expand History and Definition to include the following.

This original railroad line was established in the late 1800's and has a significant history related directly to the communities connected by this rail line. Photographs and other descriptive data shall be established and maintained prior to, and during actual construction and modification of the rail to trail conversion. Identification and documentation of historically significant sites and structures, including stone overpasses and embankments, wood and steel structures, and other railroad artifacts shall be coordinated with the Vermont Division for Historical Preservation and other interested Community Historical organizations.

4.0 Add requirements for disposal of human and animal wastes by trail users. Add rules for correct disposal of manure from horses and pets. Add requirements for protection of trees, plants, and other natural objects along the trail.

8.0 Add Public Bathrooms and sheds or shelters to Required Facilities. For maintenance purposes these may be placed at or near parking or rail junction areas and may be rental portable toilets or some other environmentally compatible facility.

10.0 Add requirement to provide railings or other protection for trail users on bridges or steep embankments. Provide requirements for dismounting or slowing speed at potentially hazardous locations.

Note: This draft plan shows good planning and foresight by those who have contributed. Thanks for considering my comments. Craig Kneeland 12-5-06