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LVRTC - MP
c/o VAST
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Dear Ms Brassard and VAST

The Lamoille Valley Rail Trail will have a huge impact on all people who live near by.

The Section 16.0 Snowmobile Use Relocation Criteria is not workable. 100 feet is way too close to a landowners residence from the LVRT to be operating a snow machine for safety and noise levels. For the home owner to provide VAST with a relocation of the trail because of safety and noise with snow machines is unbelievable. Who is making the safety, noise and exhaust problem?

Noise abatement criteria is 52 (dBA) (interior) for residences, schools, motels, churches, etc. Traffic noise levels are expressed in terms of the A-weighted sound level in decibels (dBA). These types of buildings must surely have a noise study. Every small school in Vermont under construction must have an Act 250 hearing. Certainly a 95 mile snow machine trail under construction that goes thru every town along the way must have one. Many of these homes are 50 feet from the trail. While in your country homes and quiet neighborhoods put your selves in their place.

An Act 250 hearing is the only way to have a safety and noise study done and enforced, with the public involved.

Respectfully, *Leon Whitcomb*

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