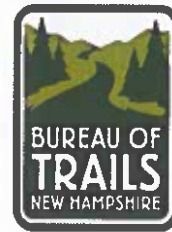




State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES
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August 24, 2026

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 4:8, Gifts to the State, authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Trails to accept a donation from Cross New Hampshire Adventure Trail in the amount of \$5,073.20 for the purpose of rail trail maintenance throughout the Northern part of New Hampshire effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval.

Funds will be deposited in the following account:

03-035-035-351510-48430000, Trails Donations & Gifts

FY 2027
\$5,073.20

EXPLANATION

The Cross New Hampshire Adventure Trail is a volunteer organization working with Northern White Mountain communities, business, and trail clubs to market and promote the area as a bicycling destination. One of their goals is to support efforts to restore and maintain 2 rail trails known as the Ammonoosuc Recreation Trail and the Presidential Rail Trail which are scenic highlights of a larger trail system that span 83 miles, connecting 13 towns from Woodsville, New Hampshire to Bethel, Maine.

Respectfully submitted,


Adam J. Crepeau
Commissioner



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August 7, 2026

Re: Match Funding for the Extension of the Ammonoosuc Recreational Rail Trail

Dear Commissioner Crepeau,

The Cross New Hampshire Adventure Trail (xNHAT) is an 83-mile, primarily off-road bicycle route across northern New Hampshire, connecting 12 communities from Woodsville to Bethel, Maine. It serves both long-distance cyclists and local users enjoying day trips on rail trails and quiet back roads.

Our mission is to promote and help maintain a safe, enjoyable, multi-use route for cyclists, walkers, runners, families, seniors, and winter users, while supporting the North Country's recreation economy. The xNHAT benefits residents while also attracting visitors from across the country and beyond—we have received inquiries and requests for maps from 49 states and five countries—demonstrating its growing role in bringing cyclo-tourism to the region.

The Ammonoosuc and Presidential Recreational Rail Trails are central to this effort, and we value our ongoing partnership with the NH Bureau of Trails (NHBOT), as well as local OHRV and snowmobile clubs, to improve trail conditions, resilience, and accessibility for all permitted uses on these scenic corridors.

Following our successful 2021 partnership with NHBOT to extend the Ammonoosuc Recreational Rail Trail from Littleton into Bethlehem, xNHAT is pleased to again support a NHBOT Recreational Trails Program project by providing the required match funding. Enclosed is our \$5073.20 contribution toward this extension, including rail and tie removal and grading to create a 2.3-mile eastward extension of the trail across northern Bethlehem.

This project advances shared goals of safety, connectivity, and four-season use for cyclists, pedestrians, and snowmobilers.

We appreciate the continued collaboration and look forward to supporting future projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marianne Borowski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'M' and 'B'.

Marianne Borowski
President and Founder of the Cross New Hampshire Adventure Trail
www.crossnewhampshire.org