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I'm writing today to support the Tillman trail project, and would love to see more relocations of "legacy" trails and new trail construction along the Tillman Road Corridor.

The trails of Narrowback Mountain are a regionally-important system that cater to beginner and intermediate mountain bikers, and has helped introduce generations of riders to the backcountry opportunities offered by the Forest. The entire North River District is a mecca for mountain bikers across the east coast, and projects like these will continue to improve the rider experience, better manage the influx of visitors, and increase the sustainability of the trail system.

With increasing usage during the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for more trails, better connectivity, and sound design principals to ensure this sustainability has never been clearer. This project exemplifies the type of high-value trail project that will significantly improve user experience on the forest, create opportunities to introduce new riders to the sport and to the Forest, and significantly cut down on drive time for outdoor recreationalists accessing the forest; an important consideration as the effects of climate change intensify.

Please consider approval of this new singletrack connection; it will be a great addition to the Forest!