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Dear Jim,

I am writing on behalf of the Carrabassett Valley Trails Committee (CVTC) to notify you of our two requests for consideration during the upcoming meetings of the Flagstaff Lands Advisory Committee. We seek to gain access for bicycles to the 'Bigelow Approach' multi-use trail, as well as to create a new 'Valley Loop' connection to the existing network infrastructure.

Created by key stake holders Carrabassett Region NEMBA, the Town of Carrabassett Valley, Maine Huts and Trails and Sugarloaf Mountain Corporation, the CVTC is committed to creating and maintaining a world class mountain biking destination in Carrabassett Valley and the surrounding area. We work together to develop a trail system of exceptional quality, sustainability and diversity for the enjoyment of residents, property owners and riders that travel to our area. Our network currently benefits from access to the Bigelow Preserve and Carrabassett Valley lots, with future developments outlined in the Crocker Mountain Unit.

These requests will create key connector corridors to improve and expand upon our guests experience, will work to improve relations with abutting land owners, and will continue the growth of the economic impact we are experiencing in our region as a direct result of our collaboration. We would like to thank you for your time moving forward with these proposals. If you have any questions or need to request more information please feel free to contact me any time.

Sincerely

Joshua Tauses  
Carrabassett Valley Trails Committee



Requested Amendments to Management Plans:

1. Request for bicycle access to 'Bigelow Approach' trail through Carrabassett Lot and Bigelow Preserve.
  - a. Requiring amending Flagstaff Lake/Surrounding Properties plan under "Land Based Recreation"
  - b. Requiring amending Bigelow Preserve Plan under "Hiking, Biking and Camping Opportunities"

Notes:

- Provides key network connections between popular existing trails 'Maine Hut' trail at Stratton Brook Hut, and legacy 'Esker' (60s road) trail in the Bigelow Preserve.

- Creates back country trail feel in relatively undeveloped area, providing access to Stratton Brook Pond Trail Head resource.

- Will utilize existing trail corridor to limit management road travel on abutting lands of Carrabassett Valley Sanitary District and Penobscot Indian Nation.

2. Request for New single track trail corridor 'Valley Loop' through Carrabassett Lot for expanding current network of non-motorized recreation.
  - a. Requiring amending Flagstaff Lake/Surrounding Properties plan under "Land Based Recreation"

Notes:

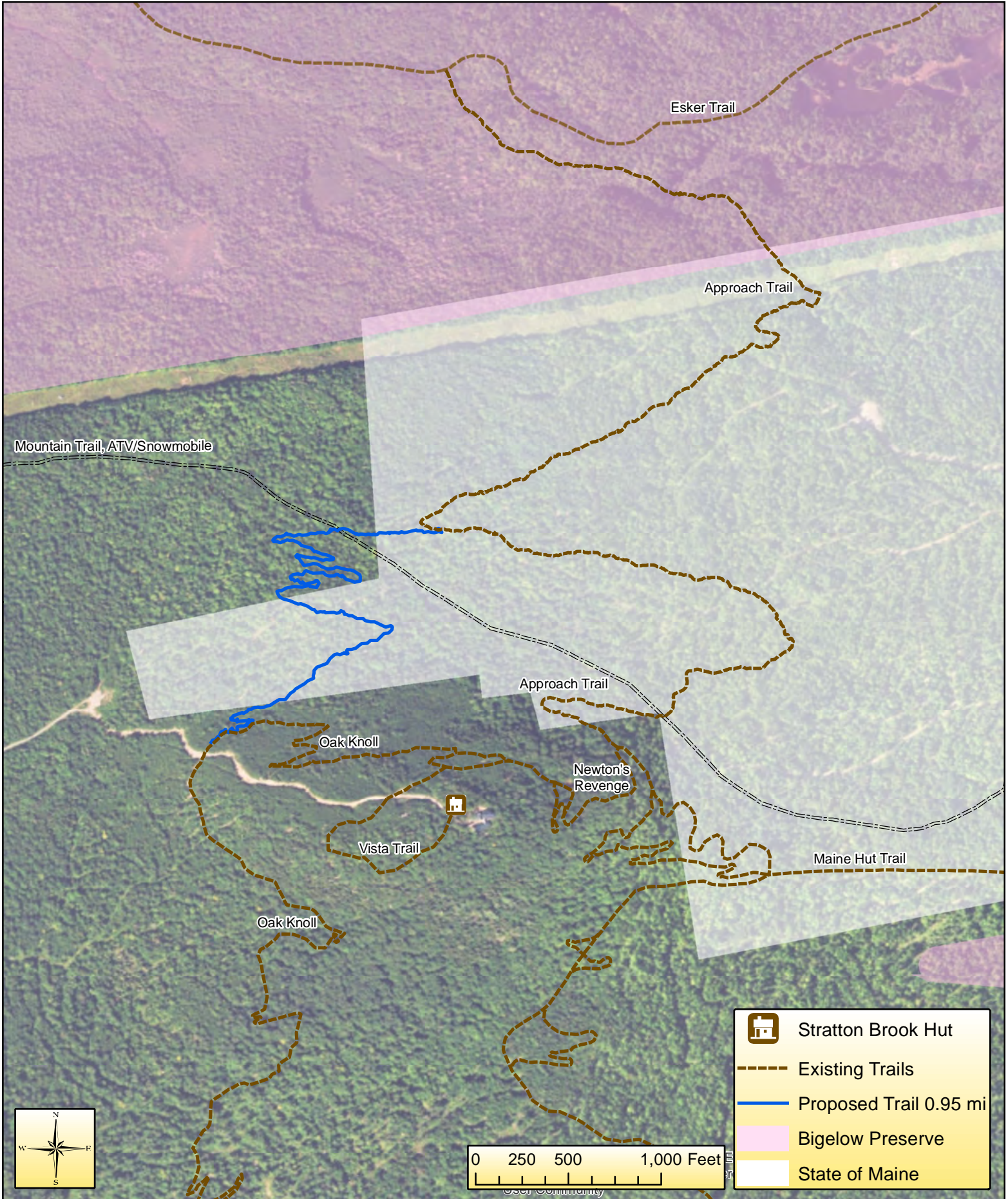
- Will provide expanded single track trail options in the area of Stratton Brook Hut and the Narrow Gauge Pathway at the heart of the Carrabassett Valley system.






- Seeks to limit usage of steeper- undesirable management roads on abutting lands of Carrabassett Sanitary District by connecting directly to popular 'Oak Knoll' trail.

- Will attract new and seasoned guests alike who are responsible for the significant economic impact we are experiencing through increased visitations, support of local businesses and real estate transactions.

Thank you for your considerations

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	Stratton Brook Hut
	Existing Trails
	Proposed Trail 0.95 mi
	Bigelow Preserve
	State of Maine

