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Subject: Appalachian Trail Side & Corridor Crossing Trail Designations #59805

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Seth, Shawn, and Christopher,

Attached is the second follow-up memo from the Norwich Trails Committee regarding further discussions we have had in committee, in commission, and with AT corridor neighbors following the preliminary decisions you made earlier this year about AT side and crossing trails in Norwich. We ask in the memo to re-address various aspects of four sites along the AT corridor. In our discussions with neighbors, other trail-users, and trail-stewards we have obtained commitments to meet the stipulations about trail configuration, maintenance, and signage required for authorization of crossings to be considered. These commitments are outlined in the memo.

The NCC and NTC recognize and are supportive of your responsibility to manage the AT corridor in the best interests of the contiguous forest and the AT experience. Therefore, we realize that you may not approve all of the requests in the memo, but we also have a responsibility to support the responsible trail-user and trail-steward community of Norwich. Hopefully we have followed-up about these four sites in ways that will facilitate your reconsideration of some of the trail authorizations and designations.

Thank you for your efforts.
Sincerely,
Craig Layne, Cody Williams, and David Hubbard

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