



WONALANCET OUT DOOR CLUB
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To Friends of the Sandwich Range:

I am happy to write this letter in support of the principles and goals of Friends of the Sandwich Range.

The Wonalancet Out Door Club and Friends of the Sandwich Range share active members, a fundamental commitment to care for the Sandwich Range, and a common devotion to the promulgation of wilderness values.

Since 1892, WODC has been caring for these mountains through a threefold mission:

- 1 the maintenance of more than 50 miles of trails, a large number of which are in designated Wilderness of the White Mountain National Forest;
2. an educational program dedicated to foster practices of hiking and camping that minimize human impact—at their best, leave no trace—on the forest, to create fuller understanding of the complex ecosystem of the forest and the ways that human activities enhance or diminish the health of the forest;
- 3 a tradition of advocacy on behalf of protection and expansion of the forest and explicitly of its wilderness component—a tradition whose high points have included support of the Weeks Act (1911) through which the WMNF was established, and the creation of the Sandwich Range Wilderness in 1984, as well as continued participation in the forest planning process of the U.S. Forest Service.

WODC's goals and those of Friends of the Sandwich Range are thus substantially similar and complementary. FSR's carefully researched and well substantiated commitment to the Sandwich Range Wilderness, its natural and historical treasure, is an extraordinarily valuable contribution to the lives of all those (plant, animal and human) whose well-being is inextricably one with that of the forest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Boettiger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

John R. Boettiger
President
Wonalancet Out Door Club