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Dear Judith,

The Sandwich Historical Society wholeheartedly supports the Friends of the Sandwich Range proposal to seek management area changes through the forest planning process.

The proposed special use historical management unit that would protect Sandwich Notch Road, Guinea Hill, Smarts Brook and Chickenboro historic sites on the White Mountain National Forest will help to preserve and protect both the historic sites and the traditional wild character of the area.

The Sandwich Historical Society has long supported the preservation of the rich historic sites in these areas. As you know there were once some forty active homes now abandoned, as well as schools and mills along the notch road alone. We have published several articles about the families that occupied these homes.

We greatly appreciate your initiative in prepaing the proposal and stand ready to assist in any way we can.

Sincerely Yours,

D. Bruce Montgomery

President