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Docket #: FD -35116 --
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 Message: Dear Ms. Gosselin,

I feel that proper consideration of the economic impact the the SSRT provides for the Mountain Top Region and connectivity of the SSRT to other trail systems in our area should be carefully considered when deciding to reactivate this line. The SSRT has become a popular destination for well over 3,000 users of the trail and has the potential to multiply these numbers- the Clearfield County Recreation and Tourism Authority has just most recently contacted us and placed an ad for us for their Fall brochure-because of the calls that they have been receiving concerning legal atv riding areas and hearsay about our trail. Our over 40 sponsors advertise with us and support the idea of our trail and it's possible connections to even more businesses and consumers. We provide a service that is impossible to place a dollar value on- that of family recreation in the outdoors-our membership comes from all walks of life and from all over the state of Pa-as well as surrounding states and as far reaching as across the country! The loss of the 9.3 miles on our western end would sever future connections , and severely , negatively impact us- no longer would users of the trail be able to experience the thrill of crossing the Red Moshannon on the RR-Via duct Bridge , or the beauty of the Peale Tunnel and it's rich history. The SSRTA has used \$11,000.00 of membership money to create the Black Bear Trailhead in the hopes of making this western connection to businesses in the Philipsburg Area-and to provide some legal riding in this area, which is desperately needed-too many have already died racing too fast to ride where they should not be! The SSRTA partners with the Centre County Sheriff's Office-and we would bring this partnership along with us to the Philipsburg connection. R.J Corman should be made to negotiate with the SSRTA to create a replacement for this 9.3 miles that provides the connection to Philipsburg. We have in good faith dedicated a lot of volunteer hours, membership money, grant monies and partnering with municipal authorites to make the trail the success that is growing-and kept the pathway clear-so I feel that we owe our membership and volunteers a future that includes a connection to the west-Philipsburg and beyond-as Jon Ike, one of Centre County's Commissioners once stated-a Heritage Trail System -with the possibilty to connect to Prince Gallitizin. The STB should at the very LEAST-admonish R.J.Corman to do this!!!