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Dear Ms. Rutson,

I am Trilby Mayes , the current President of the Snow Shoe Rails to Trails Association, an avid activist and volunteer. We have struggled to build , manage , maintain and expand the abandoned rail located at Black Bear Bridge in Winburne to Clarence , in Snow Shoe Township-approximately 19 miles of railroad bed owned by Headwaters Charitable Trust. Through grants and membership money, we have accomplished a great deal in 10 years. And we have made and are making a significant economic impact on both ends of the trail. This request by RRLLC would significantly harm the SSRT. Two of the most scenic draws of the trail are the Railroad Via-duct bridge that spans the Red Moshannon and the historic Peale Tunnel. The tunnel has been rehabilitated through grant monies, with a lot more work to be done---and the via-duct has been submitted for money , to refinish it as well as the five bridges that we have already done.

There is nothing in this plan for us, for our membership (that totaled 2400 plus last year) for our communities or our environment. Centre County is STELLAR in it's recycling program and should not be awarded for it's efforts with such a misguided plan that only benefits those few men who do not even live here. Please consider the sport that has drawn people here, the PA-WILDS , and the health and welfare of the people who reside in the surrounding communities. How can trainloads of trash be to our benefit?

I would someday like to see my daughter and the sons and daughters of our area live here in our communities-but not if this catastrophe is allowed to come to fruition. Trilby Mayes
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