



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
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DIVISION of PARKS and RECREATION  
BUREAU OF TRAILS

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Bruce Stuart  
President  
Cotton Valley Rail Trail Club  
P.O. Box 417  
Wolfeboro Falls, NH 03896

Dear Mr. Stuart;

This letter gives permission to the Cotton Valley Rail Trail Club to do trail maintenance along the Cotton Valley Rail Trail line. Members out performing maintenance work must have a copy of this letter with them. Term of the letter is 9/12/19 to 12/15/20.

Pursuant to RSA 215-A:29, XX no person may operate a railroad motorcar for recreational purposes on railroad tracks that have not been approved by DNCR or the DOT, Bureau of Rail & Transit. This letter is to document and make known the areas of usage of railroad motorcars as historically approved by the Bureau of Trails (DRED) and the Bureau of Rail and Transit (DOT).

- Cotton Valley Rail Trail: Also known as the Wolfeboro Branch. Operation is allowed from the east side of the Route 28 (Wolfeboro) crossing to the west side of the Route 16 crossing (Wakefield) covering approximately 10.6 miles.
- Ossipee Line: Also known as the Conway Branch. Operation is allowed from the Route 28 overpass north to, and through Center Ossipee, and continuing to the south side of the Route 16 crossing.

Railroad motorcars are not permitted to cross Route 16 at any point, unless previous permission is received by the Department of Transportation and Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

Pursuant to RSA 215-A:23, all motorcars on these tracks must display a valid New Hampshire Off Highway Recreation Vehicle (OHRV) registration decal. The operator must be in possession of the registration permit with exception to the following: Track and Maintenance equipment does not need to be registered (NH DOT Trails Bureau 1992). Railroad Motorcars are eligible for the 10-day non-resident OHRV registration, provided the 10 day registration remains available by statute.

Sincerely,

Chris Gamache  
Chief

CC: Mike Weeks, District 2 Supervisor, Bureau of Trails  
Lou Barker, NH DOT, Bureau of Rail & Transit