

Beverly Ann Soucy, Rumford, ME.

I am writing today as a private citizen born and raised in Rumford, Maine to implore you to reconsider your stance on our walking trail up over Rumford Falls to South Rumford and in reopening the scenic picnic area on the Route Two side of the Falls.

There is no valid reason for this trail not to be reopened as this community has a long history of access to this particular trail system dating back for over a century, in being opened to the general public. It is a crucial scenic trail that winds up over the Falls and connects an entire trail system from the downtown area, and onto additional trails for four season recreation! It would be a vary valuable resource for many future generations to come as it has always been for the preceding generations.

I also feel that our community deserves to have our scenic view back on the Route Two side of Rumford Falls, as this too has always been a part of our community in the past. I truly believe that in keeping this area closed to the public that you are hindering the growth of a community that has a very bright future with pending economic growth! Especially with the fact that at the base of the Falls a brand new hotel is being built and will be the future model to which all other Best Western Hotels will follow. It would not only make an entire area more viable as a wonderful resource for a destination spot with lodging, but would put Brookfield in a unique position to be widely recognized for their participation in helping to develop recognition for this module in supporting a scenic overlook along with a walking trail within distance.

Simply put, this would be great PR for Brookfield to partner with our community. Having these two choices for recreation is not only vital for future growth but it would show our community and the entire Western Maine area that Brookfield really wants to grow with a community in partnership and it wants to have a greater impact for future generations in bringing tourist to our area as a destination place. This will in turn support our rebirth within the community with small business growth. It is a win win for everyone involved.

Our founding fathers had great vision for the beauty that surrounds us here in the River Valley and in the natural resources here. As a hard hit blue collar community we have been working very hard to bring that vision back around in the form of economic growth, and four season recreation along the Androscoggin River. Not to mention that we are home to the largest waterfalls second only to Niagra Falls in this part of the country!

It is my hope that you will reconsider your place in our community and will willingly partner with us to rebuild and maintain two of our incredible natural resources.

Thank you for your time and for your serious consideration in both matters.

I speak for all of our community members in saying that we encourage your vision for the future for us all in supporting and partnering in our growth!

Best Regards,
Beverly Ann Soucy

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