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RE: Finance Docket No. 35116, RJ Corman Railroad Co., Beech Creek Branch Line
Construction and Operation – between Wallaceton and Gorton, Pennsylvania;
Preliminary Consultation

Dear Ms. Rutson:

I write to express my concern about the proposal to re-activate a rail line in central Pennsylvania where I often hike and enjoy the beauty of my home state. Not only will the proposal wipe out the 9.3 miles of the Snow Shoe Rail Trail, including the Peale Tunnel and the Viaduct Bridge, which hikers such as my friends and I use, the trains which would run on the re-activated rail line will be visible and audible to hikers on the Allegheny Front Trail near the Red Moshannon.

There are many reasons to oppose this proposal, but I write from the perspective of an avid hiker who appreciates the outdoors and the beauty of nature. I ask that the Surface Transportation Board require that a full Environmental Impact Statement be prepared before any decisions are made to reactivate this rail line..

Sincerely,

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