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Hello Rec Trails Enthusiast,

I know this is a busy time for those involved in managing and enjoying trails in Vermont, but I hope you will take the time to join the VTGC at our quarterly meeting at Seyon Ranch in Groton State Forest on August 31st. See the attached agenda for more information about this meeting. Our focus will be topics that have a universal impact for all involved in Recreation Trails, whether you use them, maintain them, or manage them, I'm sure the discussions will strike home and you may find a small (or big) way to help make progress in assuring the development, expansion, and maintenance of one of Vermont's biggest resources, our trails and greenways.

I would like to report that the Executive Committee has had a very positive meeting with FPR Commissioner Mike Snyder, Director of Operations Ed O'Leary, and Recreation Trails Program Administrator Sherry Winnie. Our focus was communications, as statutorily the VTGC is council to FPR regarding statewide Rec Trails feedback. We came to an agreement on a feedback system that we hope will allow all interested parties to share their voice on the big topics effecting Vermont Rec Trails. The details of this feedback loop will be shared at our quarterly meeting. I am hopeful that this system will allow us to make progress in supporting Rec Trails with increased statewide funding and support. I would like to thank Mike, Ed, and Sherry for a productive meeting and we all look forward to working together to funnel information to locations that can make a difference.

The 4th Annual Vermont Trail Symposium is scheduled for October 15th in Randolph, VT at Vermont Tech. Details are being developed and information will be released soon. This year we plan to have a balance between field and classroom based workshops. We have a great slate of presenters and once again will do everything we can to keep this opportunity as affordable as possible. If you are interested in helping us plan and develop this event send me an email at the address below. I hope you have the opportunity to attend because as usual, the more, the merrier.

If you have any questions about the Council or ideas on ways we can support Vermont's Rec Trails and Greenways, don't hesitate to be in touch.

Sincerely,

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