

TRAC FACTS FOR USE IN SUBMISSIONS TO TRAVEL CORRIDOR UMP SCOPING SESSIONS

These bullet points are summary statements that describe the premise of win-win and the supporting work done by volunteers with extensive backgrounds in planning, trail design and construction, rail operations, economic development, historic preservation, and government agency operations. These have been prepared for use in written submissions and comments to the NYS DEC and DOT in connection with the review of the UMP for the Remsen - Lake Placid Travel Corridor. TRAC work is an example of what is possible and practical along the segment from Tupper Lake to Saranac Lake. Coupled with design work previously completed in a NYS funded project for the segment from Saranac Lake to Lake Placid, it is entirely feasible and cost effective to have both trails and rails in a shorter time than removing the rails and creating a so called rail trail.

- Members of TRAC support an expanded and upgraded trail system that links communities within and nearby the present travel corridor for use by pedestrian hikers, mountain and cross-over bikers, and safely in the winter season by XC skiers
- TRAC supporters strongly favor an enhanced, upgraded rail infrastructure along the entire travel corridor
- Investment by NYS to upgrade the rail infrastructure preserves economic development options for the future and enhances the probability for access to the Adirondack Region by persons of all ages, physical condition, and recreational interest
- Knowledgeable volunteers have worked with assistance from NYS DEC staff to develop a continuous trail system within and alongside the travel corridor from Tupper Lake to Saranac Lake
- The trail system is designed to provide a safe and interesting variety of experiences and views
- The enhanced and upgraded trail system can be built cost effectively in conjunction with the upgrade to the rail infrastructure
- The work completed by TRAC members connects within the travel corridor connects the extensive trails and pedestrian / bike paths that exist in Saranac Lake with those being planned and built in Tupper Lake
- The TRAC trail design provides a safe alternative for use of the travel corridor in winter by XC skiers - that is not possible today. Snow mobiles and cross country skiers in the same trail are not a safe combination
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