Adopt A Trail Program: Volunteer Agreement

Trail Adopter Agreement: White Mountain Trails

I (We), _____ agree to be the trail adopter(s) of the following:

NAME OF TRAIL SECTION (please use this name on your work reports):

LOCATED ON THIS TRAIL (please use this name on your work reports):

NAME OF WILDERNESS AREA (as applicable):

I accept the following duties of a trail adopter as my commitment to assist the AMC in achieving its goal of maintaining all trails to a high and consistent standard. I understand it is my obligation to consistently maintain my trail section in accordance with the responsibilities of the agreement for a minimum period of two years, as follows:

1. **Maintenance:** Perform all trail maintenance work in compliance with AMC trail maintenance standards (as referenced in the Adopter Handbook), which include in order of priority:
   - Keep all drainage structures (waterbars, dips, ditches, etc.) clear throughout the season. This is your number one priority every season!
   - Cut brush back to maintain an open passage.
   - Paint blazes or repair cairns to ensure proper and consistent marking.
   - Remove blowdowns that remain or fall on the trail after June 15, following Trail Crew's annual spring patrolling.
     (Contacting us if assistance is needed with larger blowdowns you cannot remove.)
   - Report problems and evidence of incompatible use.
2. **Work Trips:** Perform a minimum of three (3) adopter work trips annually (or more as needed). Submit a completed work report to your Region Leader immediately following each work trip. **One report must be submitted by July 15 at the latest, another by September 15 and the last by October 15.**
3. **Problems: Ask for help when you need it**. Report any problems and requests for help to your Region Leader or AMC's North Country Volunteer Coordinator.
4. **Training:** Complete required trail maintenance training. One-day trail Skills Sessions are scheduled for adopters each summer, and are required for new adopters before working on their trail, as well as every three years thereafter. (Basic Skills for below treeline trails, Alpine Skills for above treeline trails, and both if the trail has both areas.) Check the trails schedule on the web site, or contact your Region Leader for the schedule. The first Skills Session attended as a new Adopter must be offered by AMC staff. Refresher Skills Sessions should also be with staff if at all possible. If not, check with your Region Leader regarding the possibility of spending a day on your trail with them.
5. Follow safety procedures and put safety first. Observe and respect wilderness and alpine work standards and ethics.

Once we have received your signed agreement, you will be sent a welcome letter confirming the adoption which also contains Region Leader contact information, a copy of the Adopter's newsletter - *Adoption Papers*, a copy of the Adopter's Handbook, an e-mail or paper copy of the work report, and a Skills Session schedule. Upon attending your Skills Session, you will receive an Adopter T-Shirt. You will then be ready to work on the trail! This agreement will stand until terminated in writing by any party. We wish you many years of personal satisfaction and enjoyment from your public service and your trail! Thank you!

_____
Signature of 1st Adopter Date

Address:_____

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E-mail:_____

Day Phone: (_____)_____

Eve. Phone: (_____)_____

Cell Phone: (_____)_____

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Signature of North Country Volunteer Coordinator Date

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Signature of Co-Adopter (as applicable) Date

Address:_____

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E-mail:_____

Day Phone: (_____)_____

Eve. Phone: (_____)_____

Cell Phone: (_____)_____

(CC: Region Leader)