Tupper Lake businesses protest county position on corridor use

Editor's Note: The following is an open letter to the members of the Franklin County Legislature and to all local and state officials from many Tupper Lake businesses.

First we would like to say we disagree with the Franklin County Legislature on its position to advocate for extended rail service on this mostly unused travel corridor.

We have had enough of this flip-flopping on this issue while our financial prosperity and future existence are hanging on by a thread! The lack of tourists patronizing our local businesses year round and especially during the winter months when we really need people to travel here and spend money is hurting us severely.

We don't think asking for anything more than what the state is offering to accommodate both sides of this issue is a smart idea either! Obviously if you would have read the old and or the new unit management plan (UMP)

for this corridor, you would have known a trail with side by side trail cannot be accomplished on this environmentally sensitive narrow corridor.

We are all taxpayers and we want accurate representation on this issue at all levels of government.

We are strongly in favor of option No. 7 for this travel corridor, which is the plan advanced by the DEC and the DOT that would restore the railroad tracks from Big Moose to Tupper Lake and tear them up from here to Lake Placid, creating a new recreational path to link the three Tri-lake villages.

We urge all business owners in the Tri-lakes who will be affected by this decision to please write a letter to your local and county governments as well as to your local newspapers to please stand behind the state's option No. 7 for this important travel corridor.

Sincerely, Larkin Deli and Bakery Raquette River Brewery Tupper Lake Supply R.J.D. Inc. Lumberjack Inn ADK Walls Pete's Repair P-2's Irish Pub Sunset Park Motel Kricki's Ray's Liquor Store Tupper Lake Motel Shaheen's Motel Old Stuff Store The Market Place Pine Terrace Motel Red Top Inn Lakeview Lanes Eric Lanthier Painting Washboard Donut Shop Adk Bloody Mary Tonic Dorothy Ave. Apes. Mt. Market Boulevard Wine & Spirits Brent's Auto Repair Tyler's Pizzeria Architectural Hammersong Welding & Design Grand Union Hotel LLC Woodsmen's Tavern and Grill LLC Sun Creations Skyline Ice Cream Beaudette Auto Repairs T. LaMere Contracting Wawbeek Quick Stop Dechene Enterprises J.W. Electric Gillis Realty Inc. Schoolhouse Renovations Union Block Building LLC Tip Top Electric Inc. Guido's Pizzeria China Wok

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