The following social and ecological concerns about trails have been raised by the public through the 2006 Green Mountain National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) planning process, as well as through several site specific projects.

Social Issues/Indicators
- Noise pollution
- Economics
- Safety
- Obesity and general health
- Illegal/unauthorized uses
- Equity of uses/opportunities on public land
- User conflicts
- Scenery
  - Lack of vista creation and maintenance

Ecological Issues/Indicators
- Air quality
  - Snowmobile emissions
- Water quality
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  - Wetlands & vernal pools
- Wildlife
  - Displacement of wildlife
- Wildlife habitat
  - Deer wintering areas
- Ecological Special Areas (designated in 2006 Forest Plan)
- Soil quality
  - Soil displacement from different use types (horse, bike, motorized, hike)
- Sensitive and/or T&E plants
- The spread of non-native invasive species (plants)