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Ms. Sales,

Trout Unlimited of New Hampshire and its fifteen hundred member organization is in support of the nomination of the Warner River to the Rivers Management and Protection Program. Basil Woods Chapter of TU, one of our local chapters, has spent countless hours running surveys on many of the tributaries that run into the river. Those surveys indicate a river that is healthy and has the ability to support an abundance of different wildlife.

Partnering with other organizations, including the town of Warner's Historical Society, the New Hampshire Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, the New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game, The New Hampshire River's Council and many private citizens show the grass-roots effect that has already taken place. Trout Unlimited's mission statement is to preserve and protect cold water habits. The Warner River watershed contains animals rarely seen and the mere fact that they exist here is a testament to the special place that is the Warner River.

Trout Unlimited has supported many efforts in our state to repair rivers and streams that were misused. The Warner River is one of those rare rivers that for reasons of location, need, or just luck missed most of the misuse of our industrial waste. For that reason alone it deserves our protections.

Respectfully Yours,

Thomas E. Ives Chairman New Hampshire Trout Unlimited