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I live in Hot Springs and am an avid outdoors enthusiast and do a lot of hiking and birdwatching along the Appalachian Trail. Along the AT at Max Patch is suffering greatly from overuse and inconsiderate campers, with weekends exceeding 100 tents on top most weekends. These campers leave behind human feces, toilet paper, trash, and camping items nearly every weekend. The parking area is unacceptably small, resulting in cars blocking two way road traffic and the inability of emergency vehicles to travel the road. Campers trash the summit and destroy signage and fencing.

We have noticed that many NC projects for bathrooms/toilets and parking areas are prioritized for sites not nearly as popular as Max Patch. I'm curious why Max Patch isn't a top priority for these projects? I'd also like to know how Max Patch can become a top priority on this list? I certainly hope the Forest Service will re-evaluate Max Patch as a top priority because it is in much need of bathrooms and parking. This project is sorely needed and should become a much higher priority than most if not all the other toilet/parking projects on this list. I'm urging you to add Max Patch projects to this list as a top priority.

Thanks for your attention on this issue and we look forward to having Max Patch once again become a clean landmark in these beautiful mountains.