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Comments:

I have become increasingly concerned about the overuse and resulting damages to Max Patch, located in Madison County, NC. I own a small vacation cabin nearby and have enjoyed visiting Max Patch in the 12 years that I've owned property there. During that time I have seen the increasing abuse of that beautiful area, and even though there are obviously some individuals or groups who do trail maintenance and cleanup of Max Patch, the degradation continues. Recently there were online postings of pictures of 100+ campers there who left a tremendous amount of garbage, not to mention human feces, all over the summit. Upgrades are way overdue, including increased parking areas, bathroom facilities, trail repair, natural plantings of trees and bushes to both restore those that have been destroyed, as well as plantings and fencing to block off areas where visitors should not be walking. I am a senior citizen who is not an outdoorsman or a naturalist, so I don't have all the answers, but I would like to be able to enjoy a peaceful and beautiful walk to the summit without being disgusted by the man-made scenery created by uncaring individuals.