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Comments:

Max Patch needs help. The cries of citizens of nearby communities and visitors to the area are not being heard by those who are in positions to help. The forest ranger assigned to this area has been listening to citizen groups from the Spring Creek and Meadowfork communities and has been communicating with leaders of these groups but she is not in a position that gives her authority or command to make the needed changes happen. Please listen to her and let her share the information she has gathered from those who regularly witness the destruction of Max Patch. Residents of the road leading to Max Patch are frequently in danger of not being able to receive the services of emergency vehicles, due to parked cars on both sides of the road. Max Patch has been loved to death for at least the last decade, but especially during the Covid pandemic when people are looking for ways to get outside. The Forest Service has been negligent for not defining Max Patch as a needed project for upgrades. The needs of Max Patch should be addressed BEFORE lesser-used sites are upgraded. Madison County shouldn't be ignored just because it is sparsely populated.