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I live in North Carolina and participate in trail maintenance with Carolina Mountain Club. Our club maintains the AT over Max Patch. My family owns over 100 acres that backs up to the national forrest at Max Patch. In the past 2 years the issues on Max Patch have grown significantly and it has been heartbreaking to watch this unfold.

Max Patch is suffering greatly from overuse and inconsiderate campers, with weekends exceeding 100 tents on top most niche weekends. Human feces, toilet paper, trash, and camping items are leftovers after 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. I see many projects in NC on this list that rehab or build new toilets and parking on much lesser used sites. If the answer is these projects were previously defined, then I blame the Forest Service for not defining a much needed project. This project is sorely needed and much higher priority than most if not all the other toilet/parking projects on this list.

I ask you to strongly consider adding Max Patch projects to this list.

sincerely,

Sarah Beasley