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Dear Forest Service,

I live on the back side of Max Patch, and am writing you about the need for those who make priority decisions to put Max Patch at the top of your list. This is not the first year I have sent emails to you about the road conditions and Max Patch area overuse, camping and fires allowed on the summit. My family has spent time in the traffic to get information to you about the overuse for years, with "all hands on deck" this 2020 year. On a recent trip on a weekend mid afternoon, I was appalled with the traffic chaos so early in the afternoon that would likely double to hundreds of cars before morning. I noticed the US mail delivery vehicle behind me stuck in the standstill behind me, while one lane was forced to back up in order to let the uphill line get out. When the mail delivery came up my driveway a little later, I suggested that she be a resource for information for the Forest Service. She said, "It won't do no good."

Winter has arrived on Max Patch, today, December 30, 2020. The huge crowds will pause due to winter extremes on the top. But to be sure, the first warm day in the spring of 2021, the same overuse extremes will start again. This is the time to treat Max Patch like a visit to the emergency room with a heart attack. Please do not put the immediate needs of the Max Patch area at the end of the list. Max Patch needs to be considered a priority/emergency and put at the top of the project list. Start 2021, making a difference for Max Patch.