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Comments:

As a frequent hiker in the mountains of the Southeastern states, I am concerned that one of the most scenic areas locally has been desecrated by at the throngs of visitors to the site. The area of Max Patch is often described by through-hikers of the AT as the best view along the entire Appalachian range. Ten years ago it was sometimes difficult to find a parking place near the site; however, I understand from the locals that the problem persists to the point of a year-round traffic jam along the road, throngs of campers on the bald every weekend and holidays, and the ensuing garbage, human feces and degradation of the trail and surrounding area. One wonders why this site isn't on the list of deferred maintenance projects by the USDA Forest Service. There is an urgent need to provide improved parking, public toilets and general maintenance of the area to limit the impact on the environment and save it for future generations.

Please make Max Patch a priority on the list of deferred maintenance projects for 2022.

Best regards,
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