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I live in Western North Carolina close to the AT and Tennessee border. I have lived here for 24 years and have often hiked on the AT at Max Patch. In the past several years Max Patch has been 'discovered' - and it is no longer the beautiful, stunning treasure it once was. It is being ruined by overuse and inconsiderate campers. Some weekends there are over 100 tents on top. Human feces, toilet paper, trash, and camping items are leftovers after every weekend. The parking area is too small and cars block the road and make it very difficult for EMS to travel the road. Max Patch is also a place where conservationists are trying to provide habitat for the Golden Winged Warbler. Despite signage regarding the protected areas, campers frequently tear down barriers and tromp thru the habitat. These campers also trash the summit and destroy signage and fencing. I see many projects in NC on this list that are much lesser used sites. We really need help here!!!

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

sincerely,

Karen Hansen