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Comments: I am for some of the upgrades to existing facilities but against many of the changes that increase the camp's "footprint" on the land. By footprint, I do not mean the overall size of the camp, but the number and types of structures and facilities on that piece of land. I was a Boy Scout during my youth and greatly appreciate the scouting experience. I also appreciate that scouting has changed a lot along with our overall culture since I was a scout. Nevertheless, I do think that it's a positive thing for a scout camp in the mountains to remain somewhat primitive and that the experience of scouting out in nature is still one of value - to be out in the woods and need to live and put up with some discomforts and lack of facilities that are expected in city life. That goes for scout leaders, too. So is it a big problem for scout leaders to find a spot to sit in the shade of trees rather than to build new campsite shelters (map key ID 3)? If it rains, I doubt people are not likely to be hanging out outside, regardless of whether those 3 new shelters were built. Please don't build a multi-sports court - let's leave city stuff for the city and not cover up more the public lands with such facilities. The same for the new climbing wall. Adding a new kitchen at the dining hall, and expanding the trading post to create additional storage are good ideas. I also think building the storage shed (map key ID 11) is a good idea. I'm against building the new two-unit bathroom shower, although could be swayed with more information - what is the situation now? How many people must use what's there, how far do they have to walk to it? Etc. More parking seems reasonable if there is already overflow into flat forest areas for big events - it would prevent harm to those areas. I oppose expanding the bathroom and adding a washer dryer on Staff Hill. Again, it is a matter of how comfortable the experience has to be for a short stay in a forest. Similarly, I oppose the construction of four new staff Adirondack Housing units this is a big "footprint" item - what's wrong with tents for a week or two? I oppose construction of the new COPE course. Sounds like a cool facilitate with a good purpose, but this a forest that should have as little impact as possible from construction. We are already seeing mountain bikers transform other parts of the mountain to facilitate their riding enjoyment Converting the Health Lodge to a STEM lodge and building a new Health Lodge, I could go either way. Nice to offer the STEM classes but health is covered as it is and do we need to build more structures on public lands? Renovating and rebuilding existing kybos seems reasonable.