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Comments: The site has long history of love and protection for hikers.

It would be ideal to redesign the shelter to todays standards in the same place or nearby location.

If relocation is warranted; possibly the Tennessee side of Yellow Mountain Gap or within the woodline of Little Hump Mtn vicinity.

If the Overmountain Barn Shelter cannot be replaced by a similar or redesigned shelter structure. Or another shelter site cannot be located in the immediate or adjacent area. I propose that the Overmountain Shelter be replaced with a pavilion shelter (possibly multiple) that has room and height to allow for camping/hammocking and sack hanging. Possibly with a fireplace.

Possibly similar to Craggy Gardens CCC shelter, or other CCC shelters, or NC State Park pavilion shelters. This would still give hikers temporary shelter from rain/snow. But would not attract prolonged campers.

As for the privy, it would be desired to upgrade the privy to 1 or 2 vault toilets or maintain the current privy setup.