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Comments: I arrived at this shelter in the spring of 2016 after a 25 mile day during my thru hike. I beat the rain by 10 minutes. I was exhausted as I was hauling ass to beat the rain. It was foggy and chilly as it was nearing darkness. I was greeted with kindness by over 25 hikers all staying there that night. A group had also set up trail magic and there were hotdogs salads, and an assortment of other food. It was amazing. We all slept in the upper loft and the place was full. It poured and stormed all night. I was so happy to be in that barn that night with all those amazing people.

I can't believe they are tearing it down. I have to imagine a go fund with the right advertising could easily raise enough money to restore this iconic barn. If they tear it down it will be a damn shame and a very sad day for the trail.

Has there been any attempt at securing funds to restore this barn? If not, can we please see if that is possible before demolishing this barn. The history of this place is deep and the memories it hold for many are dear. Can we at least try to raise funds by opening a go fund me account and advertising it appropriately. I think you would be amazed at how much the AT hiker community would come together to support saving this iconic barn at this iconic spot on the Appalachian Trail.

Dexter Ross 2016 successful AT thru hiker