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Comments: I have camped at the site of the Overmountain Shelter since it became part of the PNF landscape. As a longtime board member and past board president of Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy I support our federal partners and ATC and the TEHCC in making difficult decisions regarding this site. I do hope that whatever solution is arrived at that any built elements of the redesign for the site makes use of local materials, local design and local craftspeople. This is a special place. It deserves special design, real craftsmanship and architecture -- and not a basic picnic shelter that comes out of a box. Also: some privy facility is critical at this site. I do not expect visitor use of this spot to drop a lot when the barn is removed.