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Comments: A pavilion is about the worst idea anybody could come up with. "Shelters are the 70s and 80s way" was a joke of a comment by someone from the ATC. How many pavilions do we have at camp areas along the AT? It sure doesn't seem like that's the new way to hike the trail! Shelters are being rebuilt up and down the trail, how many pavilions?

I do think the barn needs to come down and I don't think a shelter is 100% necessary but I believe a pavilion is a 100% waste. There are a ton of shelters on the AT within 2 miles of a road but one ATC guy brings this up as a reason not to have it and also the party crowd. Do people not realize that a pavilion is going to attract the same party crowd if that really is a concern?

If your not going to build a shelter then just tear down the barn and have a camp area. A pavilion will just keep causing problems and will be little to no protection from the elements anyway, an open air pavilion doesn't make sense up there. Why put all that money and effort into something that barely offers protection from the elements.

I think the best thing would be to tear the barn down and leave it as a camp area. Making the Stan Murray shelter larger would better suit hikers, offer much better protection from the elements up there and it would eliminate the party crowd problems.