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Comments: I want the shelter to be repaired there is no way it is beyond repair. As a hiker of the AT when you are out there and a storm rolls in going another 2 miles is sometimes out of the question and on top of these balds there is no where to go to get out of the weather a covered picnic shelter is a joke what good is that going to do for hikers? Just like most of the shelters on the AT when you have a open sided building the weather and animals still come in with this one you could at least have 4 sides protecting you. The ATC and theNFS should be ashamed of themselves for considering this iconic shelter to be destored I have seen buildings in much worse shape be restored by the ATC and the NFS these are our public lands that we have a right to and some big wheel excective sitting behind a desk that has probably never used a shelter or hiked on this or any other long trail is standing up saying this is what is best for the public and hiker community. That is a slap in the face! You have the money to repair and you also have organizations that have offered their time and money to repair so how about taking them up on their offer and doing what the public and hiker community wants as we are the ones out there using these facitlities. And we should have the final say as to what happens. What good is a picnic shelter going to do? Do you think people are going to hike up that mountain for a picnic? Do you think hikers care about a table? NO! that's why we are out in the woods to get away from those kind of people. So please do what is right here and repair the shelter don't destory a Appalichain Icon.