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Comments: My primary comment on this proposal is that if a new structure will be built and the area will remain a highly used camping location, then continuing to have a privy is highly advisable, even if it needs to be relocated. Without that, eyesores of inadequately buried toilet paper and excrement will inevitably become an issue, as they do at other high use national forest sites. This seems absolutely essential to me.

Secondarily, I would weigh in in support of an alternative that attempt to rebuild a structure that preserves the unique character and experience of the "barn" as it has been known and loved by hikers for decades. Could not a new structure that takes inspiration from the original, with open lower level and spacious sleeping loft, be built? Wood siding could be reused as much as possible from the current barn and other nonstructural wood, or just a design that evokes the unique and celebrated character of the old. No one is going to be enthusiastic about a picnic pad with concrete and steel--it would be better to leave no structure at the site than that.