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Comments: While I have never slept in the barn, my wife and I have camped on the lawn many times, and try to schedule a hike through the Roan Highlands each year.

Our thanks to the USFS, TEHCC and ATC employees and volunteers who have done the work that has allowed so many of us to enjoy the Overmountain Shelter area through the years.

If the lawn remains as popular with campers as it has been in the past, I agree with other comments that some form of privy would be preferable to expecting so many campers to dig a cathole away from the lawn. (I have encountered hikers who were unaware that the privy exists and definitely did not practice LNT, and I would expect the problem to get worse.)

It's my understanding the most recent pit was replaced with a new pit during the winter of 2021-2022 - if that's true, perhaps the existing privy could be retained during its useful life while the idea of installing a moldering privy is studied further.