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Comments: I support the historic route of the PNT as developed by volunteers and the PNTA since 1970. Within that context, my priorities are: (1) increasing scenic values; (2) decreasing road walking; (3) limiting phony "conservation" decisions; and (4) limiting incompatible "accessibility" considerations. The essence of this matter is that Congress has designated 11 "national scenic trails." In terms of "outstanding scenic quality" they range (mile for mile) from the poor quality Natchez Trace to the exquisite Pacific Northwest Trail. As members of the hiking community know, the latter is potentially equivalent (so to speak) to a doctorate compared to a BA (Appalachian Trail) and an MA (Pacific Crest Trail). I urge whomever is most responsible for deciding the PNT's future to plan for exceptional quality. Please think about what the Ideal Route would look like and then decide the best way to get there. In much of life quality is often the first thing to be sacrificed. We have a chance to do great things. This is super important ...