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Comments: I am generally in support of all four of these temporary shelters as long as they are truly accessible, available, and free or reservable to the public. I understand at least one of the groups that are proposing to 'maintain' them is a private, for-profit group. If the issue is that the USFS doesn't have the resources to setup, maintain and take down the shelters without relying significantly on these businesses and groups, I think the use policies will eventually go against or will be counter to a true 'public use' facility. I would rather see a truly public PERMANENT, Forest Service fee-based recreation cabin and compost toilet on USFS land, than to let a temporary shelter migrate towards exclusivity or have little options for public use. This is the purpose of national public land use-to make sure it remains as publicly available to all as you can. If you cannot say with confidence that you will be able to achieve that goal for 10, 20, 30 years from now, I would oppose the new shelters and so should you as managers.