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Comments: The following is also in the attached letter from the Pikes Peak Climbers Alliance.

Questions

*What is the platform that the USFS will use to make the PPCA and the public aware of any road closures in the affected areas?

*What is the platform that the USFS will use to make the PPCA and the public aware of any controlled burns? Our concern is that a controlled burn may become an uncontrolled burn and possibly strand or harm climbers and other users.

*The plan will undoubtedly displace many recreationists to other nearby areas. Has any thought been given to expanding access to camping, hiking, etc. in the areas surrounding the Lower North-South area?

Comments

*The PPCA is committed to its ongoing partnership with the USFS and all land managers that we interact with on behalf of the climbing community of the Pikes Peak region. If the USFS needs assistance in communicating with the climbing community, or volunteers for a specific issue related to the affected climbing areas, please let us know. We will provide a point of contact.

*The climbing in the affected areas is dispersed, and not well documented. Certain popular areas that we know will be affected include: Devil's Head, Cynical Pinnacle, Buffalo Creek, and Rampart Range Road North

*Please consider that trees near cliff faces are well loved by climbers for the shade that they provide, especially on the south facing aspects where the sun is more prominent. Any extra consideration for preserving these trees and cliff faces would be appreciated.