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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to speak about the plans for the Red River Gorge. The Red River gorge has a special place in my heart for being a truly great and beautiful place that has become a place for many people to explore and nature in such a pristine and quiet environment. I speak on behave as a visitor who first went to the Red River gorge when I just learned how to walk and have been going back ever year since for the last 20 years. In the growth of being so close to the gorge I have witnessed growth pains and plans executed with great consideration with the public feedback in mind. But for this plan I speak as a climber who found the glory of the sandstone cliff walls awe inspiring and a truly world class place. I strongly support the ideas and voices of the access fund and the Red River Gorge Climbing Coalition's thoughts. From maintaining trail access to the far reaches of the gorge. To allow for the maintenance of existing routes that are currently in the clifty wilderness area and to allow for greater education into the impact that climbers and climbing has in the area. To still allow use on daniel boone national forest roads as a means access to areas other unique climbing areas. And to have a discussion about the development of new climbing that can be modeled on by the other national parks that also address this issue in a smart and fair plan. Thank you for all the support for the great area of the Red River Gorge all these years.