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Comments: Thank you for offering to listen to more voices of those who love the Red. I have been climbing at the Red River Gorge for 9 years, it's where I learned to climb and is my home crag today. I've recently made life decisions which will keep the Red as home.. I care very much about what happens to this beautiful place as I want to confine to enjoy and share it with friends and family.

I have a few suggestions, split into two group. The first is for accessible climbing, the second is for what I will call remote climbing. I believe road maintenance (or upgrades), parking and trail maintenance is key for popular climbing destination (crags with a large number of climbs and grades and located primarily in the southern gorge region). Dedicating specific parking and prohibiting additional parking will help manage crowds at any crag, making it more enjoyable and sustainable. For the more remote crags, maintaining climbing access and anchors are the two critical elements. If possible, keeping these places wild (having more climbing in dedicated wilderness areas, if no anchors can be added still acceptable) in order to preserve some of the wildness that still remains within the red. Finding a way to develop and maintain an area without creating easy access should be valued as much as the more developed and easily accessible crags. Having a balance of both gives the Red more depth, catering to two different styles and desires with an approach that preserves the land.