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Comments: The proposal of implementing a management strategy of the natural resource exploitation through "climbing" activities is necessary for future management of federally managed public lands. Though the use may be a popular one, it is very damaging to the natural environment. I, for one, have seen first hand the damage to natural resources from the climbing activities. A once pristine, undisturbed resource has been forever changed by implanting permanent devices into the face of the cliff. Other significant cultural and geological resources have been disturbed by the simple access of certain climbing enthusiasts. These once delicate environments associated with cliff lines are now being disturbed. Timber management activities have certain resource protection protocol that must be adhered to prevent any unnecessary disturbance to the bluff environment. Wildlife enthusiasts have long had as safe alternative to the safety of climbing stands but are not allowed to implant permanent or temporary climbing devices into the trees. This may be a safer alternative to other aerial stands but is not preferred. I do understand that the insertion of permanent devices into trees can degrade or cause mortality in the forest and overuse of the mechanisms can lead to extensive damage in a national scale. With that being said, the insertion of permanent climbing devices offers the same extent of damage into a natural, pristine rock face that forever be changed and the original, undisturbed nature will be gone for everyone to experience. Further exploitation of the resource will lead to more and more damage to the cultural, wildlife, and natural resource of the cliff line environments. Without enforcement of these activities to certain areas designated for this access, we will continue to degrade this natural environment.

On a side note, when accidents occur in these environments it is often fatal or critical life threatening events that lead to extensive damage extraction of patients increasing exposure to rescue personnel. If the Federal government is going to honor the resource and further exploit the damaging use of these climbing devices, then it should ramp up its funding of an all-risk incident response work force trained to remove injured/deceased individuals.

Manage the resource and restrict the use for further protection of a delicate environment!