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Comments: To unduly limit climbers' access to our federal lands ignores decades of tradition and limits safety of those climbers who perform the sport regardless.

climbers are among the best outdoors people at cleaning up after themselves and others. as careful as USFS trail maintainable employees are to protect the trail, climbers are about the rock. i have been climbing since childhood and while there is an increase in the popularity of the sport, i can say anecdotally that most people who have joined my gym in the last few years haven't gone climbing outside. many are too afraid, too unskilled, or simply not interested. increased outdoor climbing traffic, especially on routes that are in national parks, requires more than most will ever reach. climbing on plastic is simply not rock climbing, and is far less scary.

let climbers continue to be stewards of your vertical land for you.