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Comments: First, under the section Health and Human Safety I'd like to see mention of human waste bags and dispensers. It would be great to have the dispenser put in by the Forest Service, as well as the wag bags supplied and filled. However, at the very least allowance for a future dispenser and bags to be installed and supplied should be added to the plan. If at this time the FS cannot provide the dispenser, supplies, and refilling then list it as an option for a future FS project or local coalition volunteer project. Predetermined permission for the dispenser and supplies will make the process easier in the future.

I have seen a variety of agreements between land managers and local coalitions. These human waste stations are very common across the country in popular climbing areas, and they keep a lot of human waste out of forests.

Second, under the 6th section Geological Resources and Current and Future Route Development I would like to see an amendment regarding currently closed areas. All areas that have been closed due to the controversial damage and mass removal of routes by a small rogue group of individuals in the middle of the night should be reopened/reestablished. I do not agree that these areas should remain closed, have restricted access for developing new routes, or have restricted access for climbers.

They will need repairs before reopening. Striped or damaged bolts and anchors may need to be added or replaced to make the routes and areas safe for climbers again. For authority and neutrality I believe the Forest Service or other neutral party should take on this task. As for the routes they physically damaged by removing rock and filling in holds I would like to see the cement removed if possible, and if not, the route to remain as is but still reopened.

Third, under the 4th section Geological Resources and Current and Future Route Development I would like to see all areas within the final plan opened for route development, including currently closed areas and areas deemed too difficult in grade for future development. I am not opposed to the Forest Service monitoring areas in question of over crowding by people or vehicles, or for protecting wildlife and botanical species. Monitoring may serve the Forest Service and local climbing coalition in future discussions when solving canyon concerns and problems.

Thank you for considering my comments and suggested amendments.