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Comments: The Central Wyoming Climbers Alliance protects and promotes climbing in central Wyoming, and we advocate for free and open access to our public lands for the purpose of rock climbing.

We have the following concerns with the proposed CMP:

This could set precedent for climbing/development closures with broad language that can easily be interpreted to prohibit any new areas and close current ones, "resource damage" is a not well defined term. We do not support the action of closing routes and areas to development using this broad term.

No fixed anchor best practices are included. We support language that encourages developers to use stainless steel bolts.

We are concerned that CMP applies only to TS canyon itself and not the entire ranger district. The rest of the Bighorn NF remains in limbo and development is illegal, this should be addressed simultaneously or have the new route development ban lifted. We do not support new route development bans that are currently in place across the Powder River Ranger District.

There is no transparency on new route development process/application. This should be more clearly defined.

New routing will be banned at areas that have had controversial routes/chopping in the past. A poor reasoning that an entire area would be off limits to future development. We do not support this action.

The route removal/no climbing access in the proposed RNA (Leigh Creek) is problematic. This could set precedent if there are other RNA's across the country that have climbing on them. It is difficult to determine where RNA's are located throughout the country. This needs more information to be provided. We do not support this action.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.