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Comments: Climbing activities have a very high likelihood of damaging fragile micro-environments. The increasing climbing community will further damage these areas. In addition, rescues associated with climbing most likely will occur with less regard for these fragile areas due to the human injury concerns. Climbing should be guided to private or state lands where such impactive uses are more acceptable. All national forests and parks, including wilderness, special areas and general forest/park areas should be closed to climbing. If a bulldozer group wanted to use these national public lands, would you allow such use to occur? I think not.