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Comments: At the age of 81 and after 56 years of active climbing including in several national parks and forests, the proposed policies are unlikely to directly affect me. However, I am greatly disturbed that the policies will deprive younger, more active climbers, of the experiences I was fortunate to have. These policies represent yet another unfunded mandate that most agencies lack the expertise and resources to manage and implement. Climbers must have the freedom to make critical personal safety decisions in the moment. These draft policies seem to be solutions in search of a problem. I urge you to withdraw the proposals.