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Greetings. My name is Molly Beard and I have been climbing throughout the United States for over 30 years.

As a lifelong climber I have seen many policies and changes to policies, but this latest proposal, restricting new routes on non-Wilderness lands, strikes me as particularly short-sighted.

At its root, this policy is unenforceable, confusing and unnecessarily targets climbers and climbing opportunities. I can understand the need to avoid new routes in Wilderness or in culturally sensitive areas, but a blanket ban outside of these considerations is a waste of federal time and resources which are already thin.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Molly Beard Hood River, OR