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Comments: Hello,

I'm a professional climber and photographer who works in the outdoor industry. I've been working closely with the Access Fund lobbying in DC for the past year and half about this topic. Thanks for opening this to the public and taking time to hear feedback etc. It's my understanding this isn't something you have to do.

It was an amazing experience to see the inner workings in DC. That being said my walk away feeling from the time I spent in Washington was some fear that a very few people are making choices that will affect many, and often times without fully understanding the issues from every angle.

On the surface I'm worried this language will create holes in route maintenance affecting safety of climbs, create costly systems to maintain climbing, will confuse land manager moving forward, possibly creating a more contentious relationship between climbers and the Park Service than less.

Deeper I'm worried for the future of the outdoors where "protecting them" means removing people from them. In all honestly I understand how folks could come to this consensus, but deep down I know unless folks get to see, enjoy and have the privilege to BE in these wild areas we may lose them down the line.

Thanks for listening to comments. I hope climbers and the park continue to work together to keep access open so we can all enjoy outdoors spaces for years to come.