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Comments: The USFS proposal to govern climbing activity and rock protection "as funding and resources allow" is open ended and would prohibit existing well-established volunteer and recreational safe, lawful, and environmentally conscious use of Wilderness Lands. The USFS does not have funding and resources to adequately manage climbing activities, does not have a plan to obtain funding and resources to do so, and so will severely restrict "outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation," understanding that climbing is undeniably "substantially unnoticeable" and has been a commonly enjoyed activity within Wilderness Areas even pre-dating the Wilderness Act.

Management, and/or supervision of, climbing activities is not a disputed subject and could be mutually beneficial when both parties cooperate in long-term planning and management. However, the UFGS proposal in FSM 2355 Climbing Opportunities #ORMS-3524 will effectively outlaw long-standing, safe, lawful recreational activity on public lands funded by taxpayers for our enjoyment. The Climbing Community would suffer a blow to healthy existing cooperation and relationship with Federal Agencies in promoting land preservation and safe recreational activity, let alone lose the right to use Public Lands as intended by the Wilderness Act in this particular area of rock climbing and mountaineering.