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Comments: Have Trekked and done Technical Climbing all over the US and Internationally with Guided Support. To a person the Companies and their Guides have been not only respectful to the beauty and preservation of our climbing and wilderness areas but been adamant to the safety and minimalist activities to the areas they so greatly enjoy. My first major Summit of Grand Teton with 2 of my Children included sleeping at 11000 ft. with pitch black/cold windy 2am wake up and was reminded to Not step on any of the lichen or plant life on the way to Summit! This over regulation and limitations although perhaps well intended will not only lead to worrisome safety and access issues but threatens our rich climbing legacy that reflects the culture and wonder that climbing entails. Over-regulation and limitations would create an environment of vague and likely arbitrary enforcement as well as punishing the vast majority climbers that not only value but Cherish the history/legacy/and freedom of the wilderness while protecting and supporting its integrity. The "history" of government regulation and arbitrary limitations to established outside "norms" and the need for re-writing the perceived management needs to meet some "new" guidelines will only undermine the spirit and use a "fix" that will do Much More Harm than good. If there truly are demonstrable issues that require modifications it should be carefully considered and Only with the input of organizations and climbers that it will most directly affect. Respectfully-

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