Data Submitted (UTC 11): 1/22/2024 9:01:58 PM First name: Brendan Last name: Weinstein Organization: BASE Access Title: Board President Comments: To restrict the establishment of new routes to "existing climbing opportunities" is unenforceable and un-American. The American spirit is to explore and connect deeply with our public lands and wildlife.

Furthermore, restricting recreational sport users into only what are deemed as "existing climbing opportunities" will lead to over-crowding at those locations as the population and recreational sports continue to grow.

The dream of conservationists and recreational sport users is to find a way to cohabitate with our natural environments without decimating them. The explosive growth in interest in visits national forests in the past decade is evidence that people want to experience life in the outdoors. If we cut these people off from experiencing the outdoors and tell them to stay in cities, they will not have the desire to protect our outdoors or appreciate life with less human density and more animal density.

We also then lose a generation of young people who might study technology that can foster improved biodiversity in our outdoor national treasures. Surfers invested in artificial reef technology that has helped bring back biodiverse flora and fauna. Wingsuit BASE jumpers with a love of birds are the ones pushing for alternative energy solutions so we don't have to have wind farms decimating bird cultures we cherish.