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Regarding your FSM 2355 Climbing Opportunities #ORMS-3524 directives. I believe land managers are already using MRDGs and MRAs to justify using section 4(c) Wilderness Act prohibitions without a need to add to the handbook's directives.

The wilderness Act of 1964 is pretty clear on prohibitions of permanent manmade installations (bolts, anchors, ropes, slings, etc.) and structures. The definition of wilderness under the act (2c) defines wilderness as undeveloped, providing for primitive and unconfined recreation opportunities, untrammled, and natural.

I think climbing can be an acceptable primitive use in Wilderness if the recreationists can be self sufficient and not leave permanent installations. Not all possible climbing areas/canyons/routes need to be climbed/descended and developed to realize the value of wilderness. If the recreational opportunity cant be realized without permanent installations then we (people) have to practice restraint, this is what Wilderness is all about. Wilderness isn't about providing safety for the public or ease of access but for the public to experience the wilderness as it was intended, free from growing mechanization and development; a place where people can go to challenge themselves. People can experience primitive unconfined recreation in Wilderness without installing permeant developments.

Please do not start making more exceptions to the Wilderness Act based on peoples desires to go places that they cannot experience without leaving something behind (installations, structures, etc). I believe this to be a slippery slope and the more we dilute the wilderness Act to conform to our own desires the further we move a way from its intended purpose.

Thank you,  
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