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As a passionate outdoor enthusiast and supporter of the U.S. Forest Service, I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for the crucial role you play in managing our national forests. I wish to bring attention to the significance of safeguarding climbing routes within these remarkable landscapes and emphasize the harmonious relationship between climbers and the sanctity of wildlife and nature.

Climbers, much like other visitors to national forests, possess a profound respect for the environment and a keen awareness of the need to preserve the delicate ecosystems that make these places special. Climbing is not only a recreational activity for us; it is a means of connecting with the natural world and appreciating the beauty that our national forests offer. As we ascend cliffs and traverse landscapes, climbers feel a heightened sense of responsibility to protect the very environments that captivate us.

The climbing community is deeply committed to low-impact practices and follows Leave No Trace principles meticulously. Climbers take pride in minimizing their environmental footprint, ensuring that the ecosystems surrounding climbing routes remain pristine. We are dedicated to harmonizing with nature, practicing responsible climbing ethics, and fostering a culture of stewardship within our community.

By preserving climbing routes, the U.S. Forest Service contributes to a diverse and inclusive recreational experience for forest visitors. Climbing enhances our connection with nature and instills a deep sense of appreciation for the intrinsic value of these protected areas. It is crucial that access to climbing routes is managed with thoughtful consideration, striking a balance between recreational enjoyment and the preservation of the natural environment.

I would like to commend the U.S. Forest Service for its ongoing dedication to conservation and responsible recreation. I urge you to recognize the positive relationship between climbers and the environment and to continue fostering collaboration with the climbing community in the management of our national forests.

Thank you for your time and commitment to the preservation of these invaluable natural treasures. I am confident that, by working together, we can ensure that future generations can also enjoy the beauty of our national forests while respecting and protecting the sanctity of wildlife and nature.

Sincerely,

Dave Sappington

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