Data Submitted (UTC 11): 1/29/2024 7:42:41 PM First name: Zachary Last name: Allen Organization: Title: Comments: Hello and good afternoon,

I am a member of the climbing community and as such learned through other climbers a rigorous ethic of "leave no trace," love, and passion for outdoor spaces. Despite being an avid hiker, backpacker, mountain biker, boater, etc., I have never found a space where so much time and energy consistently goes into teaching others how to recreate responsibly outdoors. This is largely because there has been mutual respect and coordination between climbers/climbing associations, the USFS, and other governing bodies of our great lands. I believe the policies that are under consideration prohibiting climbing are not only corrosive to this relationship but ultimately irresponsible and unenforceable.

Thank you for your time. I know many of you are avid outdoors people, It hurts to imagine a world where maybe one day hiking trails and thus hiking are forbidden in these great spaces altogether too. I want you to know, I would fight for that right as well. Please help us with ours.

With Kindness, Zach Allen