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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the USDA Forest Service's proposed directive FSM 2355 Climbing Opportunities #ORMS-3524.

I have enjoyed climbing in the Red River Gorge for many years. This includes having climbed in the Clifty Wilderness Area at Funk Rock City.

I am a member of the Red River Gorge Climbers' Coalition (RRGCC) and the Access Fund.

I enjoy spending time in the wilderness alone, with friends, and with my family. Whether this time is spent backpacking, hiking, climbing, or skiing, the wilderness provides a unique environment in our modern lives that is worth protecting. No one wants to help preserve that more than the RRGCC, which is why I support their comments requesting for the proposed directive FSM 2355 to be withdrawn and revised to address the RRGCC's concerns, which I have omitted because I am sure you're going to receive them from others.

There are many environmental enthusiasts in the rock climbing community that want to responsibly protect the wilderness for everyone to enjoy. I urge you to work in good faith with them to protect our wilderness in a responsible way.