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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I am shocked the Forest Service would undertake such a massive operation, alienating a large swath of their recreational users. Climbing has been a popular & respected sport in the US since well before the Wilderness Act of 1964. While I do see the slippery slope argument of what's allowed in wilderness & keeping it pure, I don't believe climbing to have a negative impact when viewed as a whole. It's not like driving a Razor into a wilderness area, driving up noise pollution & destroying the land beneath their wheels.

I believe the ill effects of this policy would endanger the safety of the climbing scene & create a loss of access to rock climbing. Especially in Tucson where I'm from, some of the best climbing areas are under threat with this new proposed legislation. And something groups like the Climbers Association of Southern Arizona has fought hard to provide safe hardware, access & restoration efforts.

I hope the kind folks at the USFS will reconsider this proposal & focus efforts on matters that are actually harming the environment such as OHV overuse & target shooting creating large wildfires. Climbers have the smallest impact of almost any recreational group.

Thank you for taking the time to read and please...re-consider.

Logan