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Comments: Hi, My name is Roger Breedlove. I climber full-time in Yosemite in the 1970s. Climbers found new interesting cliffs and potential routes that had been overlooked by previous generations. This changed perceptions of what was interesting, and further extended the interests of climbers, who developed new skills as they climbed new formations. When the NPS tells climbers to stay off of particular formations, climbers do, but blanket prohibitions are pretty much unenforceable. To make the point, in 1970 the NPS, working with the local climbers, created a formal rescue team. In exchange for free camping and unlimited stays, the climbers would perform the rescue work as directed by the NPS. The NPS had neither the skills nor manpower to rescue hikers and climbers. By analogy, the Forest Service does not have the skill or manpower to enforce blanket climbing restrictions. That said, the climbing community will accept reasonable requests to not climb in specified areas. Find a workable solution not a cat and mouse game. Sincerely, Roger Breedlove