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Comments: Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed USDA Forest Service proposed directive FSM 2355 Climbing Opportunities # ORMS-3524. I have enjoyed climbing in the Red River Gorge for years. I support the position of the Red River Gorge Climbers Coalition in their comments requesting for the proposed directive FSM 2355 to be withdrawn and revised that addresses the RRGCC concerns that:

1. The FSM 2335 climbing management policy will result in a prohibition on climbing development, fixed anchor maintained and new fixed anchor result in climber injuries or even deaths
2. The FMS 2335 reliance on the development of climbing management plans before actions can be taken by climbers is unworkable
3. Climbing Management Plan development should be consistent with recreational goals, standards and desired future conditions provided in a Land Management Plan
4. Climbing Management Plan guidance should include Forest Service procedures for securing funding and resources in support of climbing management objectives through agency budgeting and congressional appropriations
5. As established by the DBNF Land Management Plan, FSM revisions should also reflect policy direction of allowing marinating of fixed anchors to be performed by climbers
6. Language for conducting law enforced patrols at climbing opportunities be removed from FSM 2355 and would be a waste of precious Forest Service resources
7. The policy direction for Wilderness Area FSM 2355 be revised to generally allow for historically present fixed anchors to remain and be maintained.

From a personal perspective, the climbing community shows the utmost respect and appreciation for the conservation of nature. Losing climbing in America would have a devastating ripple effect on outdoor recreation, economic stability of towns reliant of climbing visitors and loss of an entire community dedicated to preserving and improving rehabilitation of land. I strongly hope that the FSM rethinks their decision in proposing changes that will have a lasting impact of American outdoor recreation.