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Comments: It pains me to say, but I am primarily a gym climber, in large part because it feels safe and secure when compared to the wildness that is climbing in Mother Nature. But my dream one day is to climb all over the US and see what my peers and predecessors have created, maintained and loved. And I want to be able to do this with all of the safety and comfort that is available to climbers.

I know these directives were proposed to protect our ever-fragile ecosystem, and there is no doubt in my mind that the climbing community can improve greatly in its care and love for the outdoors. But we do care and love the outdoors, and will do whatever it takes to be out there. So please make it safer rather than more dangerous by implementing these directives.

Undoubtedly, things need to change - by working with the climbing community and groups like Access Fund, I'm sure they will. Just please work with us, not against us!