

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 1/30/2024 11:58:20 PM

First name: Gabriela

Last name: Croft

Organization:

Title:

Comments: To whom it may concern,

Please don't pass this legislation restricting the establishment of new routes in wilderness areas. Your agency is so big and cumbersome. The bureaucracy moves slowly and they will not be able to enforce this law. Please don't take on more responsibility and commitment. It is already stretched further than it can handle as evidenced by the yearly furlows that happen when they can't pay their own employees.

I do propose that you legislate that climbing agencies at the local level have a liaison with your agency that works together to ensure that the bolts and anchors in the lands under your purview will remain as safe and functional installations. Local agencies have been taking care of the climbing community for a long time. They are adept at collecting donations from climbers and have the funds to continue the upkeep required. They have built a trusted network of skilled volunteers that actively check on equipment and replace anything that is becoming worn even before there is any danger. Each climber in the Tucson community supports our local climbing association with funds and volunteers to make the area as safe as possible.

Thank you for taking the time to read this,

Gaby Croft