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Comments: Dear USFS staff,

My name is Andrew and I am a climber from Seattle. I moved here from Michigan for the ease of access to climbing on public lands - the sport is not only a sport for me but also gives me the aspiration, conditioning, and mental space I need as a normal person working a 9-5 job. I am writing to express my opposition for this current draft. I am concerned that this directive will limit the infrastructure many depend on most weekends - specifically, I believe that the minimum requirements analysis will enact a de facto ban on the protection that climbers need to recreate safely, especially as the current infrastructure is already strained and the sport continues to grow. Please consider revising this system to allow placement of protection and new routing until an analysis proves it is causing adverse impact; the current plan is simply not sustainable.

Thank you,

Andrew