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Comments: To whom it may concern,

When deciding on this proposal please take into consideration:

National forest are unique in offering access to nature, often for free.

Reducing the amount of climbing available outside will force people into crowded gyms or away from the sport entirely.

Bolted routes or anchors are by far the safest way to climb. Taking away bolts and anchors will drive people towards gear such as cams and nuts, which are less stable and require knowledge and techniques not everyone has.

Climbing is a growing activity and industry. I, personally can think of at least half a dozen businesses, non-profits and schools that use national forest land for climbing. Where I live climbing is a part of our economy, loss of access to reliable routes would close businesses and cause people to lose income or their job.

Organizations like the access fund already monitors bolts and helps to replace them when they are old and worn.

I can understand why a sport growing in popularity would warrant a closer look at how things are being managed.

But, when looking please maintain a focus of providing access to recreation and not limiting it.

Sincerely,

Christie Pate