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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 on public lands for many years. I currently reside in Alaska and regularly recreate on public lands in Nevada, Kentucky, California, and Alaska.

I support the position that the proposed directive FSM 2355 be withdrawn and revised to address concerns that:

- 1. The FSM 2335 climbing management policy will result in a prohibition on climbing development, fixed anchor maintenance, and new fixed anchor placement that if adopted, will most likely result in climber injuries or even deaths.
- 2. The FSM 2335 reliance on the development of Climbing Management Plans before actions can be taken by climbers is unworkable and unsafe.
- 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. Language for conducting law enforcement patrols at climbing opportunities should be removed from FSM 2355 and would be a waste of precious Forest Service resources.
- 6. The policy direction for Wilderness Areas should be revised to allow for historically present fixed anchors to remain and to be maintained.