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I support the position that the proposed directive FSM 2355 be withdrawn and revised to address concerns that: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