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Comments: I'd like to ask the Forest Service to provide more transparency around new route permitting, including clear criteria, timelines, and an appeal process. This would help climbers better understand expectations and stay in compliance with management goals.

I also encourage the use of science-based, site-specific decision making when it comes to climbing infrastructure and route closures. Existing routes should only be closed or removed when quantitative scientific data show measurable impacts that can't be mitigated. Blanket closures, such as those proposed for bats, raptors, or the Leigh Creek RNA, would be better replaced with adaptive management based on current science and monitoring.

Finally, it would be helpful for the plan to better explain how cultural resource protections will be implemented, including how Section 106 reviews and traditional cultural surveys will work in practice and how those decisions will be communicated to the public.
Sustainable climbing access and resource protection can work together, and climbers are invested in being good stewards of Tensleep Canyon. I appreciate your consideration and continued engagement with the climbing community.