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Comments: Hi,

As a Montana resident and regular visitor to Ten Sleep Canyon for climbing, hiking and camping it is my belief that the current proposal for "climbing management" is just a power grab on the part of the forest service and would prefer no action be taken to the drastic changes proposed in this plan.

When I first heard about this plan I was excited that the development (bolting) ban would be lifted and new routes can start to go in and more crags can open up but that excitement soon disappeared once I read this proposal. Route development will not just be allowed as it was in the past and will now require permission slips from USFS which will just mean that development will essentially depend on an unelected bureaucrat within the USFS.

I believe that this management plan would have better aligned with the agency's self stated beliefs if it was broken up into smaller plans that could be debated and possibly put into effect one step at a time. One example would be that the USFS can install vault toilets to deal with human waste. This would benefit all users of the area and not just climbers; hikers, mountain bike riders, UTV and ATV riders as well as ranchers monitoring and managing the cows that graze in the canyon all need to relieve themselves the same as climbers. Another example would be trail management, improvement and creation could be a separate plan. The trails are in their current condition because per 261.10 individuals cannot make improvements without special use permits. It could be said that the current trail and cliff base conditions are a result of this overall ban of changes/improvements.

Stating that the route development should serve climbers of all abilities would suggest that routes be developed with a difficulty grade in mind from the offset and not developed and graded by the natural features of the rock. Could that also be interpreted as a developer would need to put in a 5.7 if they want to get approval on a 5.14 route?

Lastly, remember that the motto of the USFS is "caring for the land AND serving people." I placed special emphasis placed on and because the land and the people should be considered with equal importance. If the land was of greater importance it would have been "caring for the land, then serving people." The Leigh creek crags should not be sacrificed in order to maybe gain some other route development in the future.

Thank you for taking your time in reading this public commentary and I hope you found this helpful.