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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the EA.

Regarding Effects on Cultural resources (pg. 22) and Effects on tribes and Tribal Resources (pg.21)

According to the plan's figures, only 11% of the total project area has had Section 106 Class III survey conducted. Based on the provided maps and SHPO WyoTrack data, the surveyed areas were focused in and around existing climbing impacts rather than 'virgin' areas not yet impacted by climbing modifications. While it may not be feasible to conduct Class III survey and Tribal surveys of the entire 26,537 acres prior to plan implementation, I believe the FS should plan to conduct Class III and Tribal surveys of the area as soon as possible. Rather than waiting to conduct piecemeal investigations only when a specific new route is submitted, proactive surveys could identify areas that should be excluded from consideration altogether. Moreover, knowing the locations of sensitive sites throughout the project area would allow for proactive monitoring in order to help prevent adverse impacts from illegal collecting and unauthorized use in the first place.

Regarding Appendix B Implementation Guide

I generally support the Route Development Review Process design feature but have additional comments. I believe enforcement of no new routes (without FS approval and vetting) is paramount. Therefore I suggest the FS fund an additional climbing ranger and/ or increased monitoring efforts of areas identified to have high likelihood for new unauthorized route development. Such measures could include trail cameras, drone surveys, or contracted pedestrian surveys and law enforcement monitoring. Additionally, I think climbers should have the opportunity to self-police. Signage informing the public that new route development is prohibited without approval should be installed and include a tip-line phone number (which could simply reach the main office or recreation coordinator) to call if violations are observed. Finally, I suggest day-climbing permits and fees should be considered to help pay for the services, infrastructure, and enforcement associated with intensive climbing activities.

I believe a climbing plan is definitely needed and generally support this EAs objectives and stipulations.

Thank you, Hillary Jones