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Comments: I have several comments. An official permitting system needs to be developed. Please clearly define approval criteria, establish review timelines, allow appeals, and explicitly permit routine replacement and maintenance of existing hardware when no new impacts occur. Please identify suitable development zones in advance through cultural and natural resource surveys and authorize those zones programmatically. Sport climbing routes should NOT be removed in Leigh Creek. Instead conduct further analysis, define impact thresholds, consider partial or temporary closures, and base decisions on documented impacts rather than route type.

Regarding cultural resource review uncertainty. One must define procedures, decision authority, and criteria; disclose reasonably foreseeable outcomes; and include climbing organizations as consulting parties where appropriate.

I think people who have been shown to illegally develop routes in the past should be barred from applying for a permit through the permit system.

Wildlife management must be adaptive. Use site-specific, science-based, adaptive management with monitoring and collaboration.