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Comments: Hello, my name is Heidi Turpen, I am a Wyoming native and a climber.

As a native to Wyoming and someone who has enjoyed climbing in Ten Sleep for many years I wanted to comment on route development specifically. Ethically I do not agree with chipping, glueing or comfortizing climbs within the canyon or anywhere. Limestone has a lifespan and becomes slick, or soapy with heavy prolonged use (the great (black) white behemoth is an example). Comfortizing or altering the face of the rock accelerators the degrading of the rock. Using the faces as climbing gym walls to be molded into picture perfect movements is unethical and goes against the spirit of true development and the preservation of the resource. I also want to comment on the erosion and usage of the canyon, climbers require strick education about pooping at the crag, etiquette, and wag bag use. Additionally education about usage of soap in the river and dumping of waste into the water. The climbing community in Wyoming is wonderful and visitors add to that community. Respect of the resources, the canyons history and spirit are important. The USFS and the Rock Ranch need to educate people on how we can sustain the canyon for as long as possible. Thanks,Heidi