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The Honorable H. Dale Hall
Director
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1849 C Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Director Hall:

The Wichita Mountains Climbers Coalition recently contacted my office regarding rock climbing in the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge. There is concern that technical rock climbing may be eliminated as the Fish and Wildlife Service conducts a compatibility review of the Refuge.

I share these concerns and hope the Fish and Wildlife Service will give them serious consideration during the compatibility recertification process. Rock climbing has been enjoyed for years and has helped to generate greater public support for the Refuge. I, therefore, request, that as the Fish and Wildlife Service reviews current compatibility recreational uses, it will continue to allow responsible rock climbing on the Refuge.

Thank you for your attention to these concerns and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



James M. Inhofe
United States Senator

Cc: Dr. Benjamin N. Tuggle, Regional Director, USFWS, Region 2