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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Full Phrase

BLM	Bureau of Land Management
EA	environmental assessment
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
RAMP	recreation area management plan
RRCNCA	Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area

Chapter I. Introduction

This report documents the results of an early planning and information gathering period for the Calico Basin Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP) and Environmental Assessment (EA). The period ran from February 23 to March 25, 2021. Public involvement is a vital part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) conducted this public comment period to identify issues to be addressed and to help determine the appropriate scope of the forthcoming NEPA analysis.

I.1 DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS

In accordance with 40 Code of Federal Regulations 1501.9, the BLM must document public involvement and determine the scope of issues related to a proposed action. The BLM solicits comments from relevant agencies and the public, then it organizes and analyzes all comments received. The agency evaluates the substance of each comment and extracts the overarching issues that will be addressed during the NEPA process. These issues help define the scope of the NEPA analysis and are used to develop the project alternatives.

The BLM established a project website online at <https://www.virtualpublicmeeting.com/calicobasinramp-comments>. It held two virtual meetings with stakeholders on March 8 and 9, and a virtual meeting with the public on March 11, 2021. During these meetings, the BLM presented an overview of the proposed RAMP and EA and requested public input. The BLM recognizes that commenters invested considerable time and effort to submit comments during this comment period; as such, it developed a comment analysis method to ensure that all comments were considered.

I.2 NATURE OF COMMENTS RECEIVED AND THE COMMENT ANALYSIS PROCESS

Comment analysis is used to compile and combine similar public comments into a format that decision-makers can use to identify alternative management actions in a NEPA document. It assists the team in organizing, clarifying, and addressing technical information, in accordance with NEPA regulations. It also aids in identifying the topics and issues to be evaluated and considered throughout the NEPA process.

The process includes five main components, as follows:

- Developing a comment coding structure
- Using a comment database for comment management
- Reading and coding public comments
- Interpreting and analyzing the comments to identify issues and themes
- Preparing issue statements

The BLM developed a comment coding structure to help sort comments into logical groups by topics and issues. The coding structure was designed to capture all comment content, rather than to restrict or exclude any ideas.

The BLM used the comment analysis and response application database to manage all public comments. The database stores the full text of all correspondence and allows each comment to be coded by topic and issue. Some outputs from the database include tallies of the total number of correspondence and comments received, sorting and reporting comments by a topic or issue, and demographic information regarding the comment sources.

I.3 METHODOLOGY

From the 130 comment submissions received, the BLM identified a total of 364 substantive comments (see **Appendix A**). Each comment was assigned a code to identify its general content and to group similar comments.

All comments were considered and will be used to help create potential alternatives and issues to be analyzed in the RAMP and EA; however, only those comments determined to be substantive were analyzed.

Substantive comments received during public comment periods do one or more of the following:

- Raise issues the BLM has not considered or reinforce issues the BLM has already identified
- Present information that can be used when the BLM considers impacts of alternatives
- Raise concerns, with reasoning, regarding public land resources in the project area
- Recommend specific changes to the proposed action or alternatives
- Question, with reasonable basis, the accuracy of information in an existing report

Substantive comments raise, debate, or question a point of fact or policy. Comments that merely support or oppose a proposal or that only agree or disagree with BLM policy are not considered substantive. Under each code, the BLM grouped all substantive comments by similar issue topics, and those groups were summarized with issue statements.

Chapter 2. Public Comment Summary

The BLM received most correspondence via email comments submitted through the project email or to the BLM project manager during the public comment period. **Table 2-1** summarizes the distribution of comments by issue category. These issues are outlined further in **Section 2.1**, which identifies issue statements based on the substantive comments included in **Appendix A**.

Table 2-1
Comments by Issue Category

Issue Category	Number of Individual Comments	Percentage of Total
NEPA	1	<1*
public outreach	16	4.4
Cooperating agency relationships	1	<1
Best available information/baseline data	1	<1
Direct/indirect impacts	1	<1
Cumulative impacts	2	<1
Recreation Area Management Plan	0	0
Plan goals and objectives	2	<1
Recreation administration	1	<1
Controlled public access (including fee collection)	37	10.3
Reservation system (for rock climbing)	32	8.9
Private property concerns	3	<1
Trespass	6	1.7
Parking	19	5.3
Traffic and private access	19	5.3
Nuisance, such as vandalism, light pollution, and noise	8	2.2
Public safety and enforcement	38	10.4
Recreation	1	<1
Trails and infrastructure development	52	14.5
Climbing and bouldering	29	8.1
Hiking/nature viewing	3	<1
Mountain biking	16	4.5
Public access	32	8.9
Equestrian use	6	1.7
Other Laws	2	<1
Resources and Resource Uses	0	0
Cultural and paleontological resources	5	1.4
Soils and geologic resources	1	<1
Hydrology resources	0	0
Riparian	3	<1
Biological resources	0	0
Wildlife (general)	2	<1
Vegetation	0	0
Invasive and nonnative plants	2	<1
Wilderness areas	2	<1
Visual resources management	2	<1
Noise	1	<1
Socioeconomics	12	3.4

Issue Category	Number of Individual Comments	Percentage of Total
Lands and realty	0	0
Landownership	6	1.7
Total	364	100

* < = less than

2.1 ISSUE STATEMENTS

An issue is a concern, disagreement, debate, or dispute over potential project impacts on the environment. Such issues tend to be associated with areas near a project location, although impact areas may vary, depending on the specific resource and nature of the project. The purpose of preparing issue statements is to highlight comment themes identified through the comment analysis process. The BLM will use the issue statements to help formulate a reasonable range of alternatives that it will analyze when preparing the RAMP and EA.

2.1.1 NEPA

- What makes the last environment impact study insufficient to control the current issues at Calico Basin?

Public outreach

- The BLM should wait until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted before completing the public outreach process and to continue monthly public outreach at that point. In addition, the commenter requested that there be another public comment period before the BLM implements the fee or reservation system.
- The BLM should reach out and collaborate with private residents, recreation groups, and communities that are less represented on public lands, such as tribes, during the planning process.

Cooperating agency relationships

- The Nevada Department of Wildlife requested to meet with the BLM in advance of a public draft release to discuss biological resources and wildlife management concerns relevant to the Calico Basin project area.

Best available information—baseline data

- Recent NEPA documents have cited previous versions of the Gila monster encounter protocols. The BLM should review and cite the current protocols, which are available online at http://www.ndow.org/Nevada_Wildlife/Conservation/.

Direct/indirect impacts

- A timed entry and reservation system at the Red Rock Scenic Loop in 2020 was implemented without a NEPA process and resulted in increased visitation to the Calico Basin. Further study is needed to quantify the impacts of this change in access on the Calico Basin and on areas next to the scenic loop that were neither designed nor prepared for the increase that has occurred.

Cumulative impacts

- The BLM should consider the cumulative impact on environmental resources of a toll booth area, expanded parking areas, additional bathrooms, and a possible new bike path.

- Calico Basin is used as an overflow area when recreationists cannot find parking or are unable to obtain a permit at other areas in the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area (RRCNCA). The BLM should consider the cumulative impact of increased parking capacity at the first and second pullouts in the RRCNCA and at Sandstone Quarry for reducing public access impacts on the Calico Basin.

2.1.2 Recreation Area Management Plan

Plan goals and objectives

- In the RAMP the BLM should describe how management decisions will benefit the public and the Calico Basin area and how implemented fees would be used.
- The RAMP's recreation goals should be proportionate to the Calico Basin conservation goals.

Recreation administration

- The BLM should designate high impact and a low impact areas in the National Conservation Area so that only recreational use occurs in the high impact area and only wilderness and conservation areas occur in the low impact area.

Controlled public access (including fee collection)

- If a fee system is put in place, an annual pass should be made available for local residents or climbers; there should be a fast lane or something similar for people with such passes. In addition, the fees should go toward improving the area.
- Roads that are owned and maintained by the County are funded by taxpayer money; how would the BLM charge a toll and regulate access to local residents on County-maintained roads?
- An implemented fee system or seasonal closures would help reduce impacts related to increased visitation and would provide more BLM ranger presence for enforcement of public land use.
- An implemented fee system would be unequitable for all recreation users. The BLM should raise funds, in coordination with climbers and other recreationists, rather than charging a fee for access.
- How will the fee booth area be constructed to maintain traffic flow? Commenters suggested the following solutions:
 - Three traffic lanes at the payment area: one for payment, one for passes and pre-paid reservations, and one wide lane for residents, contractors, and commercial vehicles.
 - Automated payment stations should be located at each parking area, but only if law enforcement is present to issue citations for vehicle operators without payment receipts.
 - A vehicle tag system with barcodes or serial numbers displayed on vehicle windshields or mirror stems.
- The BLM should restrict commercial uses in the Calico Basin, such as tour bus companies that transport large groups of people at a time.
- The BLM should implement a required online or in-person training course on public land use for access to the Calico Basin.

Reservation system (for rock climbing)

- The BLM should increase the number of parking spaces to a number equal to typical weekend or holiday visitation. so that parking usually only fills up on holiday weekends and breaks. Alternatively

it should conduct a study to determine the appropriate number of vehicles that the area can support without degradation. Instead of a reservation system, visitor access should be closed when maximum capacity is reached. The BLM could open it again toward the end of the day, when parking spaces become available again.

- If a reservation system is required, it should be used only during weekends and holidays. In addition, the BLM should note that the current timed entry system at the scenic loop is one reason why there are currently high levels of visitation in the Calico Basin.
- Commenters expressed concern about a timed reservation system, especially for local residents who spontaneously visit the Calico Basin when they can.
- If the BLM uses a third-party reservation system, how will the collected monies be allocated? Will all the monies go toward Calico Basin conservation?

Private property concerns

- The BLM should respect and protect private property rights to the same extent and urgency as recreational concerns.

Trespass

- The change in land use on parcels 164-06-301-001 and 164-301-002 has encouraged public use and the creation of new trails in the middle of private property. The BLM should use fencing or signs to delineate the boundary between public and private land.
- The BLM should better enforce no street parking in front of residences in Calico Basin. The current system encourages people to trespass and, in some cases, has endangered private property owners.

Parking

- The BLM should maintain the current number of parking spaces in Calico Basin; however, it should reduce the Kraft Mountain parking lot to its original size and reinstall gates to close access nightly. In addition, the BLM should place more signs to discourage parking in areas other than designated parking lots.
- The BLM should expand the parking areas in Calico Basin, including Red Springs, Kraft Mountain, and Gene's Trail. It also should create designated spaces for oversized vehicles, such as sprinters or camper vehicles, to ensure easy ingress and egress for all vehicles.
- The BLM should allow parking for night-time recreation users.

Traffic and private access

- Traffic at the intersection of State Route 159 and Calico Basin Road is unsafe at high volumes. It gets backed up easily because it is difficult and unsafe to make a left turn from Calico Basin Road onto State Route 159. Commenters suggested the following solutions:
 - Provide for two exit lanes, one left turn and one right turn.
 - Provide ground-mounted traffic control lights to minimize visual intrusion and operate them only on demand to clear traffic on Calico Basin Road. In addition, there should be yellow blinking warning lights about half a mile east and west of the intersection to warn motorists when the traffic lights are on.
 - Place a BLM Ranger at the intersection to direct traffic during peak hours.

- The BLM should improve traffic access on Loop Road by creating two lanes at the second pullout or at Sandstone Quarry and marking where the road is already two lanes. In addition, the BLM should improve access for oversized vehicles.
- Loop Road should have a designated bike lane. This would reduce the hazard of vehicle operators entering the opposite lane having to avoid bicyclists. It also would reduce vehicle and bicycle collisions.
- Traffic ingress and egress to private property is unsafe and difficult when traffic volumes are high in Calico Basin. How will the BLM manage access so private residents can go around a pay station? Would it be possible to construct a new road that connects to the existing Loop Road to reduce traffic for private property owners accessing Calico Basin Road?

Nuisance, such as vandalism, light pollution, and noise

- The BLM should note that increased visitation and little enforcement have resulted in excess trash, vandalism, noise, and new trails on and near private property.
- How will the BLM mitigate and remove graffiti?
- The BLM should use native plants such as Fremont cottonwoods, Mesquite trees, and Arizona ash trees at parking lots to suppress noise pollution.

Public safety and enforcement

- The BLM should better enforce current regulations, such as increasing the awareness of fines for violations. It also should increase ranger presence in the Calico Basin to ensure that the following are not commonplace:
 - Drones
 - Dogs without leashes
 - Dog and human waste (including waste bags) and other litter
 - Bicycles and e-bikes
 - Overnight camping
 - Drug use and other illegal activities
- The BLM should educate the public, with the use of signs and ranger presence, regarding regulations in the Calico Basin and how to recreate on public lands.
- Calico Basin needs more cellular service and better ranger dispatch response in case of emergency situations.
- The BLM should note that Calico Basin roads wash out during periods of high rainfall and cause flash flooding and unsafe driving conditions.
- Ingress and egress for both public areas and private property areas in the Calico Basin is a public safety issue during times of high visitation, especially when emergency vehicles need to access either area.
- The BLM should use surveillance cameras at parking lots and other designated lands of concern.

Recreation

- Increased encroachment by motor vehicles, bikes, and other mechanized or motorized equipment could be an issue in the future as development gets closer to Calico Basin. Their uses expand the distances that can or should not be accessed by the public and would result in user conflicts.

Trails and infrastructure development

- There should be increased facilities to accommodate increased visitation, such as additional trash cans, restrooms, and parking near trailheads.
- The BLM should increase trail maintenance and signs to prevent conflict among visitors. Better signs and maps would reduce use of unauthorized trails.
- Trails should be specifically marked based on what recreation use that trail is best suited for. An example would be a sign indicating that a trail is primarily for equestrian use, with hiking as a secondary use and no mountain biking.
- The BLM should review a 2013 proposal that interested individuals presented to Friends of Red Rock Canyon and the BLM regarding the potential creation of a more formal trail system in Calico Basin.
- Signs should better blend in with the natural environment to better reduce visual resource impacts and increase the recreation experience along trails.
- Are there any plans to expand into the Hunter/Gilmore and Cowboy trail systems? Also, what will be done to reduce illegal trail building?

Climbing and bouldering¹

- Designated trails for rock scrambling² would negatively affect the climbing recreation experience, since scrambling is not best suited for a pre-determined trail.
- The BLM should not prohibit the use of climbing bolts³; instead it should increase the number of signs and education, encourage the use of camouflaged bolts that blend into the environment, and regularly maintain trails.
- Existing unofficial scrambling and climbing access routes and current climbing areas should be included in the plan.
- The BLM should work with climbing groups to avoid loss of climbing access due to the closure of social trails, which are often used to access climbing areas.
- The BLM should modify the overview map to make the concentrated climber use area more accurate.

Hiking/nature viewing

- Education, interpretation, and signs should be increased to inform hikers on proper “leave no trace” principles and to reduce mixed-use conflicts.

¹ Climbing on small rock formations without the use of ropes or harnesses.

² Walking up steep terrain using one’s hands; handholds are frequently needed for stabilization.

³ A fixture placed on a rock face to attach ropes for climbing.

Mountain biking

- Mountain biking should be permitted in designated areas, such as along the east side of Calico Basin.
- Some unofficial mountain biking trails should be made official in areas where mixed-use recreation is possible, so as to increase recreation opportunities.
- Motorized, electronic, or pedal-assisted bikes should not be allowed in the area.
- Other commenters suggested that mountain biking is not suitable for the area and should not be permitted.

Public access

- Access should not be restricted because it would reduce public engagement with public lands and exclude those who are of lower socioeconomic status.
- The BLM should implement stronger education programs to inform visitors of guidelines and proper use of Calico Basin.
- There should be clearer boundaries between private and public lands. Better access and parking should be added for Brownstone Canyon to better disperse the different mixed-user groups.
- Access should be allowed after sunset and at night to increase recreation opportunities and disperse the number of visitors over a longer period of time.
- The BLM should limit visitation due to conflicts and overuse from a surge of out-of-town visitors.
- There should be additional free and legal dispersed camping, particularly in the Cottonwood Valley area. Existing dispersed camping in the area cannot be accessed due to a closed access road.
- The BLM should consider postponing any permanent visitation changes until visitation levels return to normal after the pandemic. Current increased visitation levels are temporary due to lockdowns.

Equestrian use

- The BLM should consider ways to mitigate damage and impacts from equestrian riding.
- The BLM should protect historical equestrian use of trails and address how commercial horse operations in the canyon would be managed.
- Limited parking is a concern near equestrian trails. The BLM should increase parking access to equestrian users and those with horse trailers.
- The BLM should increase public education and information on how to interact with horses on the trail, in order to minimize pedestrian and equestrian user conflict.

2.1.3 Other Laws

- Will the RAMP include a limits of acceptable change document, similar to the Red River Gorge project in Kentucky?
- In determining the fee system to implement in the RRCNCA, is the BLM constrained by the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 US Cod 6801–6814), or is the RRCNCA exempt because it is a conservation area?

2.1.4 Resources and Resource Uses

Cultural and paleontological resources

- How will the BLM adequately protect Brownstone Basin and its cultural resources, while managing for increased visitation? Additionally, the BLM should work in conjunction with local tribes throughout the process.
- How will the BLM's fire management plans address cultural resources?

Soils and geologic resources

- With increased visitation, how will the BLM adequately protect the geologic features of the project area?

Hydrology resources

Riparian

- The BLM should consider modeling the Ash Spring meadow area after Red Springs. This would include constructing a boardwalk in the Ash Spring meadow area to prevent soil compaction and disturbance of riparian habitat.

Biological resources

Wildlife (general)

- Climbing and scrambling should be restricted during nesting times near cliffs to protect the declining cliff-nesting raptor populations.
- Restrictions on pets, such as leash laws or off-limit areas, should be put in place to prevent disturbance of native wildlife.

Vegetation

Invasive and nonnative plants

- Cheatgrass is the most serious nonnative plant, and using shoe brushes are not going to adequately mitigate it. What else can the BLM do to control cheatgrass?
- The County and the BLM should work with landowners to replace the salt cedar hedge with another vegetation hedge of the same effectiveness and at no cost to the property owner. At the corner, the hedge needs to be aligned to allow a better view of traffic approaching on Calico Basin Road. The safety benefit and the benefit of removing a major source of salt cedar seed production/dispersion will far outweigh any cost the County and the BLM may incur for this action.

Wilderness areas

- The BLM should make sure any existing wilderness plans remain throughout the area so the rules remain the same and users do not have to learn three sets of rules for one area.

Visual resources management

- The BLM should work with Clark County to address the visual resource impacts from the construction of homes in the area, which detract from the natural surroundings. Homes should be limited in size and fit in with the natural desert landscape.

Noise

- The BLM should ban loud music in conservation areas that detracts from the recreation experience of visitors.

Socioeconomics

- How will the introduction of fees affect entry for climbers and all users of this space, especially those of lower socioeconomic status?

Lands and realty*Landownership*

- The BLM should acquire nearby parcels, such as the Little Red Rock Land and Girl Scouts parcels, to prevent future development, reduce potential visual resource impacts, and provide a buffer from nearby development.
- Boundaries between private and public land should be clearly marked to prevent homeowners from incorrectly marking Clark County roads as private.
- The number of privately held parcels should be corrected to show at least 60 parcels.

2.1.5 Virtual Public Meeting Question and Answer Session

In addition to the issue statements listed above, the following subjects were discussed between the BLM and public participants during the question-and-answer session of the virtual public meetings:⁴

- What is the time frame to complete the RAMP and EA and when will the RAMP be implemented?
- Goals for the RAMP are broadly defined, but the BLM should consider protecting multiple resources and limiting visitation. This would provide a safe and sustainable experience, so as to meet goals for the RRCNCA.
- BLM should examine police events or reports and calls to the BLM ranger station when considering safety issues in the RAMP. Law enforcement entities are part of the BLM's interdisciplinary team and will contribute to management planning decisions.
- What are the impacts of a reservation system at RRCNCA on visitation and when will the BLM share those statistics with the public?
- What is the effectiveness of traffic counters as a means of measuring total visitation?
- How will the County control parking access on Calico Basin Road and reduce potential traffic hazards at State Route 159?
- The BLM should not be able to add a gate to the Kraft parking lot, because the lot is not listed in the BLM's da-use area closures.
- What is the potential for full-size, four-wheel-drive vehicles to be allowed on trails?
- The BLM should consider future trail access from Little Red Rocks.
- What is the potential for off-trail uses in areas that do not have designated trails?
- What is the potential for the Crown Castle project to affect cell phone coverage in the Calico Basin?
- What is the potential for bouldering at the Kraft area during nighttime hours?

⁴ Full transcripts of the virtual public meetings are available from the BLM on request.

- How will the Red Rock Canyon Legacy Trail project affect access to the Calico Basin?
- The BLM should include an explanation in the EA of why the La Madre Wilderness Area is included in the Calico Basin recreation area.
- The BLM should develop a climbing bolt management plan for the wilderness area that will allow new bolts.

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Appendix A

Substantive Public Comments

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Last Name	First Name	Organization	Letter Number	Comment Number	Comment Code Name	Comment Text
Hauck	Patrick		40	1	NEPA	The first thing we need to understand is why the current environmental impact study does not allow for some control of the increase in use? If the last study has no power to control the problem how will the next one be able to do anything? We are sure the last one stated a number of people that the area could sustain. But there seems to be no mention of using the study that is in place to begin to help the abuse to the environment. We are aware that it will be at least 3 or more years until the new study is implemented. By that time the sensitive areas and sensitive species of Calico will be even worse off or lost. So we would really appreciate an answer as to why the current environmental impact study cannot be used to help control the area until the new one is in place.
Ahmad	Taimur		111	1	Public Outreach	I would just urge the BLM to you know, do the legwork and outreach to think about sort of the needs of maybe communities that are less represented on our public lands and reach out to affinity groups reach out to the tribes reach out to sort of maybe the people you expect to see perhaps a little bit less out in the count in Calico Basin and red rocks more generally so.
Ahmad	Taimur	Access Fund	60	6	Public Outreach	We request to be involved and informed on future developments regarding implementing a fee structure or reservation system at Calico Basin, if such changes are considered for the area. We would like to see the BLM offer a comment period for the general public before implementing a fee structure or reservation system within Calico Basin.
Fisher	Heather	Save Red Rock	133	1	Public Outreach	While determining a sustainable solution, we appreciate your involvement with the local climbing community every step of the way. Red Rock and Calico Basin are nationally known for climbing and bouldering. The Southern Nevada Climbers Coalition is a good organization to represent climber's voices.
Foley	Pete		4	5	Public Outreach	The 'virtual' public meeting on March 11 went under the radar for so many people. Please don't rush this through under the cover of Covid19. A few months won't make a big difference. Instead, please wait until we are able to have an open and democratic public debate, and until we see how much behavior has really changed. We may be shutting public access to public land to address a largely temporary problem that could largely fix itself as we emerge from Covid19. At the very least, we won't know how big a problem we really have until things return to our new normal. Why not wait until we know what problem we are trying to solve
Hanks	Jen		61	3	Public Outreach	I urge the BLM to work with local trail advocacy groups such as the Southern Nevada Mountain Bike Association in the planning process.
Hempel	Dwight		5	1	Public Outreach	I had identified Calico Basin residents whom the planning team might contact for additional information, but then deleted the names, as this is a public document. If you want to do follow-up with these residents, let me know and I will provide the names and contact information.
Hempel	Dwight		5	2	Public Outreach	I recommend you tap into the knowledge and experience of some of Calico Basin's long-time residents, specifically [names withheld]. In Calico Basin there are 56 private parcels, with 48 separate landowners. Forty three lots are developed.
Hendrix	Leici	Southern Nevada Climbers Association	60	6	Public Outreach	We request to be involved and informed on future developments regarding implementing a fee structure or reservation system at Calico Basin, if such changes are considered for the area. We would like to see the BLM offer a comment period for the general public before implementing a fee structure or reservation system within Calico Basin.
Hendrix	Leici		121	3	Public Outreach	Third, we want to be involved in informed on future developments regarding implementing a fee structure, a reservation system at Calico Basin. We would like to see you all offer a comment period for the general public before implementing a fee structure or rapid reservation system within Calico Basin
Luneau	Taylor	American Alpine Club	76	1	Public Outreach	We invite the BLM to continue to work collaboratively with the American Alpine Club, Southern Nevada Climbers Coalition (SNCC), and the Access Fund throughout the duration of this planning process in order to protect this valuable climbing resource.
McDonald	Mike		9	1	Public Outreach	It was mentioned on the webinar for this evening that a replay would be available via YouTube? Do you mind providing a link to that?
Moorhouse	Scott		10	3	Public Outreach	I urge the BLM to work with local hiking and scrambling groups when considering their management for the Calico Basin to find a workable plan that will allow these groups to survive and continue their explorations and stewardship for generations to come.
Palermo	Grace	Friends of Nevada Wilderness	85	4	Public Outreach	We have helped the BLM repair the vehicle barrier preventing vehicles from entering Wilderness in Brownstone Basin numerous times. We're concerned that issues with Wilderness encroachment by motor vehicles, bikes, and other mechanized or motorized equipment will grow as development gets closer to Calico Basin. These types of use cause habitat damage by compacting soils, increasing erosion, and damaging vegetation. Their use also expands the distances that can be accessed. Additionally, many users don't expect and aren't used to these uses in Calico Basin, so their introduction would be sure to increase user conflicts.
Peterson	Natalie		47	2	Public Outreach	I want to be involved and informed on future developments regarding implementing a fee structure or reservation system at Calico Basin. We would like to see you all offer a comment period for the general public before implementing a fee structure or reservation system within Calico Basin.
Peterson	Ken		46	3	Public Outreach	Third, I want to be involved and informed on future developments regarding implementing a fee structure or reservation system at Calico Basin. We would like to see you all offer a comment period for the general public before implementing a fee structure or reservation system within Calico Basin.

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Wheeler	Keith		110	1	Public Outreach	the other thing that I'd like to ask is when we finally get past the current COVID situation, it would be really enlightening to see if we can get the BLM to go ahead and start having the meetings, the public meetings there at the visitor Center like they did years ago where they're Katrina and Josh if you could look into doing that again once the COVID is gone. Those used to be really enlightening; there used to be monthly meetings, just so everybody would know what's going on and be nice we get those back
Hardenbrook	Brad	NDOW, Southern Region	72	1	Cooperating Agency relationships	The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) would like the opportunity to meet with the BLM Team in advance of a public draft is released to discuss area biological resources and wildlife management concerns relevant to the Calico Basin RAMP area, and in perspective of the eastern front of the Red Rock Canyon NCA as the Las Vegas Valley continues to develop.
Hardenbrook	Brad	NDOW, Southern Region	72	2	Best available information—baseline data	Attached is a copy of the current Gila monster encounter protocols as other NEPA documents we have reviewed recently cited previous versions now outdated. The protocols are also available online at http://www.ndow.org/Nevada_Wildlife/Conservation/
Ring	Cam		29	1	Direct/indirect impacts	The BLM changed the access to the Red Rock Scenic Loop in 2020 without completing the NEPA process. This change in access should have undergone an Environmental Assessment phase, as the Proposed Action clearly has consequences to other areas in the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area that were never properly analyzed or put out to the public for comment. The BLM is now trying to address those consequences after the fact, one of which is increased visitation and usage of the Calico Basin area. By limiting access to the (much larger) Scenic Loop, visitation to the Calico Basin has increased, and the corresponding impact to the resources will (I fear) spur the BLM to restrict access to Calico Basin as well. I believe that further study is needed to quantify the impacts that the timed entry/reservation system has had on Calico Basin and other adjacent areas to the Scenic Loop that were neither designed nor prepared for the increase that has occurred.
Hegyess	John		97	1	Cumulative impacts	Along with time entry reservation system with quotas and operating hours I'm concerned about the possibility of a large development being constructed at the entrance to Calico Basin road. If a toll Plaza and a trailhead with the large parking area and bathrooms are constructed, perhaps, in conjunction with the new Pave bicycle path the environmental impact would be substantial.
Luneau	Taylor	American Alpine Club	76	4	Cumulative impacts	While potentially outside of the scope of this project, increasing parking capacity at the first and second pull-outs within Red Rock National Conservation Area (RRCNCA) as well as at the Sandstone Quarry would help to reduce impact on Calico Basin in a way that is currently difficult due to the reduced parking in RRCNCA. Calico Basin is often used as overflow when climbers cannot find parking within RRCNCA or are unable to obtain a permit.
Palermo	Grace	Friends of Nevada Wilderness	85	11	Plan Goals and Objectives	How this plan is communicated to the public will greatly affect its success in implementation. We urge you to communicate how management decisions will benefit the public and the Calico Basin area, including what any fees would be used for.
Rainsberger	Ray		127	1	Plan Goals and Objectives	I do understand that the BLM doesn't have much choice when it comes to the you know the encroaching people and the bouldering areas being stomped out and, and issues like that, when it comes to conservation, but I hope that the increase in conservation efforts is proportionate to the actual conservation itself and doesn't isn't just limited to restriction of access.
Kotab	Thomas		99	1	Recreation Administration	Can we designate two areas say high impact and low impact sections and in the high impact we allow the people we expand what we call recreational use and in the low impact ones, such as the wildernesses those that aren't already accessible and those that comprise the vast majority of the NCA.
Anonymous	Ben		2	3	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	Fees: If there will be fees, there needs to be a season or annual pass for locals. Or access via the national parks pass.
Brock McDade	Roxanna		68	4	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	If you must have a fee booth, I would like to request a fast lane for those with a yearly pass.
Cthejelsuud	Hususkemd		34	2	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	(I), while artificially restricting the number of visitors may reduce short term impacts, it does not at all address the root cause of the impacts caused by visitors. Those visitors can still use social trails, park illegally, and not properly dispose of their waste. While not as many people will be able to do this at one time (i.e. less short term impacts), making them pay a fee to get in will not actually stop people from adding these stressors.
DePalma	Jerry		17	2	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	If the basin continues to see this ever increasing number of people on a daily basis it is inevitable that serious conflicts will arise. We would suggest that access to the basin be strictly controlled in the same manner that the Red Rock Loop is currently being utilized. A guard gate with a fee for entrance and a strict limitation on the number of people permitted in the basin at any one time is an appropriate course of action.
Dorfman	Tamar		71	3	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	I understand that caring for Calico Basin costs money. There are other ways to generate this revenue. The BLM could work with local climbing gyms, local organizations such as the Southern Nevada Climbers Coalition, local gear shops, local outdoor companies, and climbers from everywhere to raise money to mitigate the environmental impacts that visitors have on Calico Basin. Rock climbers are committed to caring for these areas. This strategy has worked well in other areas. For example, in recent years visitation to the popular climbing destination of Bishop, CA has increased drastically. Touchstone Climbing worked with climbers to fundraise over \$25,000 to address the increasing visitation. This money supports the Bishop Climbing rangers who work with many groups including the BLM to mitigate the environmental impact of the increasing amount of visiting climbers. For more information visit: https://touchstoneclimbing.com/2020-update-with-the-bishop-climbing-rangers/ In addition, the BLM could try to add an \$1 optional donation to the IRS tax form. Please keep Calico Basin and the innumerable benefits that its recreational opportunities provide accessible to everyone by avoiding the implementation of a fee system.

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Dunn	Larry		18	4	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	RS/CB is and always should be a free entry facility; not a user fee supported facility. It is fundamentally different the Scenic Drive / Core Area. I provides a different type of facility than the Visitor Center and Scenic Drive; viz., group and individual picnic facilities. [Although it's beyond the scope of this planning effort, development of such picnic facilities within the Core Area would be a welcome and valuable addition.] The fee- free access to developed RS/CB facilities, especially the picnic area, serves a segment of the local population that may not be able to easily afford the ever-increasing entry fee to the Scenic Drive / Core Area. BLM-managed public lands make up the largest portion of land accessed from Calico Basin Road. That public land is essentially all within the RRCNCA. Its seems unreasonable and un-American to me to "fence o?" that public land by erecting a fee station at the SR-159 junction. The BLM needs to carefully study (a) the objective of imposing an entry or use fee -- additional revenue or a measure to reduce the number of users? -- (b) the physical and operational feasibility of a fee station, and (c) the economic feasibility of such a fee station -- will it actually cover the costs of its ongoing operations -- before deciding upon such an installation.
Edwards	Blake		36	1	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	I understand that it is everyone's land and they have the right just as much as locals to see and admire it. Maybe we could do something like the Northwest does where it requires a "forest pass" to park in the areas like Calico and that money could go towards improving the area and making it better. The problem I see with the area is that it seems like we get a few week/months of really busy times and instead of just dealing with the crowds the BLM try's to fix the "problem". This has a huge impact on people that live here and go out to these areas regularly.
Edwards	Blake		36	3	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	If you do move forward with a fee area please have it be a kiosk instead of an entrance like Red Rock and let us be able to buy a seasons pass so for people that go there multiple times a week we don't have to spend a fortune. Also please make sure that the money is going to improving the area. Maybe even buying land from developers so the area can be preserve and protected from more housing development atrocity's.
Fiato	Sharon		13	1	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	Oppose an entry fee to all areas of Red Rock Canyon Recreation Area (this is in addition to the State Park entry fee station) Depending on where the funds go and how much the charge is. If small fee of \$2 is acceptable in my opinion for maintenance and clean ups. However with that being said, I wouldn't want all of Red Rock to incorporate that rule.
Fleming	Adam		37	2	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	I do believe fees will help conserve the area in regards to social trails, expanding parking, protecting cultural resources, and educating the public on Leave No Trace principles. I also believe it will reduce the amount of crime in the Calico Basin parking lots.
Fleming	Adam		37	1	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	I want to state I am all for a fee both if the fee is covered by the passes currently accepted in the Red Rock Conservation Area.
Friesen	Bryan		38	3	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	Charging a fee to access the area is also a concern of mine. I would much rather see user groups such as climbers work with land managers to fundraise in order to provide improvements to the area. Additional facilities would be a great benefit to the area, but not at the cost of access.
Hauck	Patrick		40	5	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	Some trails are so well used that people walk in single file for 20-40 people in a row. They over run the area every weekend now that the reservation system for the loop is in place. We would like to see away to cap attendance at a "full capacity" limit. We would like to see a reservation system and an entrance fee booth.
Heacock	Ashley		24	2	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	Someone also brought up the idea of a separate pass for say local climbers who are members of the SNCC, maybe have passes for those who pay their dues to the SNCC organization whose mission is preserve and maintain the area. These people pay their hard earned money to help the Red Rock conservation area as a whole and that should have merit and these people should be recognized as "regulars" to the area, and therefore are granted permissions to enter without reservations and this should be not just for the Calico Basin area but the whole Conservation area as a whole. Or there should be a system like this where people can buy yearly passes that allow them entrance without reservations, and are considered regular members.
Hegyey	John		97	3	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	If a toll booth were to be constructed, I would like more details on how the residents of calico would be allowed to bypass a line at the toll booth. If this comes to pass this plan will have the appearance of a gated Community being built for the benefit of only a few residents, we are discussing roads that are owned and maintained by the county and I object to the BLM barring access to roads that I pay to maintain with my taxes.
Hempel	Dwight		5	6	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	Revenue generation versus limiting visitors: If a goal is to generate revenue, then a fee station approach may be best. If revenue generation is not a concern, then attempting to limit the number of visitors by using automated pay stations may be appropriate. Fee station versus automated pay stations: Charging a fee will reduce the number of visitors. A fee station incurs a lot of overhead costs and is most disruptive to residents, but can best control the number of visitors. The fee station would need a minimum of three entrance lanes and one exit lane. The three entrance lanes would be one for payment, one for passes and pre-paid reservations, and a SMART PASS lane for residents, contractors and commercial vehicles—Republic Services, USPS, FedEx, UPS, newspaper delivery, propane delivery, NV Energy, Century Link, etc. This lane would need to be wide enough to accommodate oversized vehicle loads. A few years ago, [names withheld] developed plans for addressing this situation. I recommend your team find these submissions to the BLM and/or meet with these individuals to help inform your design effort. Automated fee stations only work if law enforcement personnel issue citations for those who have not paid. These would be the least disruptive to residential traffic flow. They could be located at each parking area and would only take credit cards.
Jones	Jason		118	1	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	I strongly support extended fee and reservation area I also support reducing recreational use based on season. Or at least seasonal closure of some areas, given a number of sensitive species to call home to this place this place home.
Jordan	Jorge		27	1	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	Calico Basin has historically provided a fee-free route into the pay areas of the RRCNCA (the Scenic Loop) for those willing to hike a little longer. Would such a consideration be included in the Calico Basin RAMP?

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Jordan	Jorge		27	3	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	Is it likely that there will be "Late Exit Passes" within the Calico Basin RAMP similar to the Scenic Drive?
Kahne	Manny		119	3	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	I personally would really not like a reservation system, but I do think that, if Homeowners are concerned about many people being out in night in the air their houses than a reservation system, I think could be implemented for like late access passes because there aren't that many people, like, there are an infinite number of people who want to recreate in these areas at night, so you could limit reserva- you could limit the number of people there at night, I think, in a way that would still be practical for someone wanted to climate night, which again is a tremendous value to the climber Community.
Kozak	Bryan		43	1	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	I am highly against Calico Basin becoming a fee area with regulated access. There are already enough restrictions in Red Rock, especially with the new reservation system implemented for the scenic loop. Restricting Calico which has always had easy access is too much.
Levy	Alicia		122	1	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	Since the reservation system in the park and I believe that it's the case for many others as I've seen it be very crowded there, I think that if there is a gate there should be some kind of fast pass through the gate for pass holders, so they can easily access the area.
Lewis	Gabe		83	1	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	It would be nice to have some sort of special condition for Las Vega locals—\$2 fee adds up when we climb 100+ days/year in Red Rock.
Lewis	Gabe		83	5	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	If there's an entrance gate for Calico would be great to have a lane for pass holders (also true for the loop road), it's so annoying to have to wait behind out of state vehicles when it just takes 5 seconds to drive through with our annual pass.
MacMurtrie	Caitlin		125	1	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	And maybe having some sort of system or I don't know, maybe it's a I don't know if you could do a membership, but all of it, hopefully going towards raising money to restore and protect calico. That some way where you can still kind of have access for both outdoor recreation and or maybe even like I thought about having a training, where, if you want to go to calico more often or with less of a reservation system, maybe you take a two hour training, whether it's online course or in person, of how to preserve and conserve the desert, so that people aren't trampling all the trails and creating new trails or killing wildlife, which has happened out there. Some way to basically allow people who show they're willing to protect that area and to put the time into that allow them to go and maybe use that resources more often. So, something like that I think would be really cool, but I think it needs to be a balance of protecting the area and allowing people to go after work or on a whim, because there's not a lot of outdoor areas that we can escape from the city in Vegas and calico serves that role for a lot of people.
Moorhouse	Scott		10	2	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	If fees must be imposed for access, consider using a hang tag or a vehicle decal system to allow groups to gather more easily and without the cumbersome restrictions of an entry booth or a ticketing system.
Nunez	Dominic		28	1	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	While I'm for protecting this amazing resource please don't restrict access for those of us who love this place so dearly, practice LNT, and recreate responsibly. The true users of this resource are the ones you are going to hurt the most.
Palermo	Grace	Friends of Nevada Wilderness	85	1	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	We urge you to find way to manage capacity that promotes sustainable recreation without charging a fee. The fee and timed-reservation systems in place at the scenic loop disproportionately affect certain users, particularly those with lower incomes, that have larger families, and who feel safer enjoying the outdoors in groups. If a fee booth is put in at Calico Basin, it must be done in a way that doesn't increase road hazards. There would also need to be a separate entrance or other way for private property owners to access the area without others following them in. An option to address capacity is to limit vehicle access and/or solicit for permittees who can run a shuttle.
Reyling	Jayne		11	3	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	I do not object to having a fee station at Calico Basin, particularly if it leads to Rangers patrolling the area to cut down on abuse of the area, including the dogs running loose and chasing the rabbits and quail.
Richeson	Victoria		53	2	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	It is frustrating that I pay a yearly pass for Red Rock and still have to pay an online reservation fee every single time I go, which does not even go towards park conservation. I do not want the same thing to happen to Calico Basin.
Robertson	Brittany		92	2	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	We need to stop commercial usage within calico basin, no tour buses, no large groups.
Short	Aaron		66	2	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	I would like to express opposition to any plan that will gate, fee, and add a reservation system to the calico basin region. Placing a gate at calico basin allows residents to enjoy private access to public lands outside of operating hours.
Skehan	Candi		12	1	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	I see no mention of the "toll booth" everyone is so concerned about. Could you please clarify this part for me?
Urioste	Joanne		49	3	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	Before building expensive fee-collection booths, perhaps you may wish to consider trying out the following system: Sell Calico-Basin-specific sticker/placards with bar codes, etc. that can be placed on the windshield or mirror stem. Cars without access permission can be ticketed.
Urioste	Joanne		49	5	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	If it is found that fee booths are needed, I'd like to see parking created at the entrance to Calico Basin, before the fee booth. In this scenario, people can walk in, if Calico Basin parking is full, and they can still enjoy the area if they are on a limited budget.
Wilder	John		15	3	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	where is the access point/toll booth going to go? If near the highway, as makes sense, parking and approach/deceleration lanes are problematic.
Wood	Adam		67	1	Controlled public access (including fee collection)	I am completely against any plans to impose fees and have a toll booth for those that enter Calico Basin. The only purpose of imposing a fee would be to give the residents there a gated community and keep others out. These residents knew their community was not gated when they moved there and they knew others visited and they can either move or live with it.

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Anonymous	Ben		2	4	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	Reservations: Ideally weekends only if they are needed. As a local with an irregular schedule it is very important to be able to go without prior planning ahead.
Brock McDade	Roxanna		68	5	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	7. As a local, I've used Calico Basin for years to get outside after work or during a stressful day, a full moon stroll, or even to star watch. Therefore I would like to request access to Calico Basin 24 hours/day. Is there a way locals could pay for 24 hour access? Or use a driver's license? Now that the loop road requires reservations it would be nice to be able to spontaneously be able to rock climb, boulder, hike, etc. 8. If you do create a reservation system, please do not use it during the weekdays.
Dorfman	Tamar		71	4	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	I am opposed to a reservation system being implemented at Calico Basin. Implementing a reservation system at Calico Basin, given that the Scenic Drive already has a reservation system, would leave those who want to get outside on short notice with extremely limited options. If increasing the number of parking spaces, so that parking usually only fills up on holiday weekends and breaks, is possible, then that would be ideal. Places like Yosemite use this system where once the parking is full they close the entrance to visitors and open it toward the end of the day when parking spaces become available again. I believe this is the best system and allows for the greatest and most equitable access. If Calico Basin would fill to capacity very early every morning and only go below capacity at the very end of the day, even after increasing parking spaces, then perhaps a reservation system would be appropriate during weekends and holidays only.
Edwards	Blake		36	2	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	I personally used to have the privilege of spending about 100 days a year in Red Rock, now with the reservation system I have been twice in the past year and a half. I always walked out with at least a handful of trash. Every time the BLM makes it harder to enjoy these areas that we all love so much I believe they suffer. I hope that you can leave these areas wild and free to roam. And remember more restrictions doesn't mean that the land will be in better hands.
Edwards	Blake		36	4	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	The people in Southern Nevada are very upset that when you make a reservation for Red Rock online it goes to a third party and that money is not going back to the park. It smells of corruption and an unethical use of the money.
Foley	Pete		4	3	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	You are putting pressure on other natural areas. The introduction of reservations at Red Rock inevitably put additional pressure on Calico next door to it. It didn't reduce demand, it simply reduced supply. To address that increased usage by restricting access to Calico is a short-term fix that only pushes the problem somewhere else. If you squeeze people out of Calico, they will move to adjacent First Creek and Oak Creek. Unless you plan to systematically block access to all public lands around Vegas, you're simply pushing a problem from one spot to another, and worse, potentially driving crowds into areas that were, until now, more pristine.
Graves	Travis		114	4	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	My concern with having sort of restricted gated access to Calico Basin when it comes to climbing in particular and I'm a mountain biker, hiker, runner, climber, myself, though, but when it comes to climbing is that there's a lot of diversity and climbing and Red Rock teen sport climbing, bouldering, and [inaudible] climbing and you're already limited by the fee structure of the hours of the loop road. And you're not in Calico Basin and Calico Basin goes that road to, then what you're left for outside of the reservation fee system is climbing in the wilderness and the canyons you no longer have access to all those different disciplines of climbing without going into the one of the few areas.
Graves	Travis		114	3	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	I'm definitely not for a reservation or fee system, because I think, like many have said as a local it's nice to have spontaneous or access after work before work that sort of thing and I'd like to see that maintained if there was going to be any sort of fee gate sort of system.
Harrison	Lisa		39	3	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	I can not stress enough that I would like to avoid the official reservation system here in Calico Basin. A true joy of Calico Basin is that you can easily run out on a weekday or after work to enjoy the outdoors and the reservation system can make this difficult in regards to planning as well as the cost of the \$2 processing fee on top of annual passes. I am okay with a ticket booth and it being managed similar to how the loop used to be handled with passes or fees but I DO NOT want the reservation system for Calico Basin.
Harrison	Lisa		115	2	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	I also would like to, if possible, avoid the official reservation system, just as other people have mentioned it makes it difficult to kind of go there on a whim, which has always been the benefit of crafting Calico Basin. I'm Okay, with the use of fees or a pass to get through, but again I don't like the official reservation system that you have to plan ahead on.
Heacock	Ashley		24	1	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	I agree with a lot of people who feel the rise in the amount of traffic in these areas may be in part due to the reservation system for the scenic loop that was put in place last year. I feel that some regulation of the traffic into the area is necessary, absolutely, but I feel that we need to come up with a better system than the one in place at Red Rock. First and foremost, I feel the proceeds need to be put back into conserving and maintaining the Calico area, ie: more bathrooms and trash disposal areas, and a better Kraft parking lot that is paved. Perhaps have a system in place that allows for the spontaneous afternoon hikes after work. The locals in the area, not just climbers, like to get out to these areas, on a whim and now are resorting to the areas that are accessible without reservations, creating an influx of people in these areas. In the meeting there was talk about only having reservation systems in place on the weekend, during the high traffic times, to promote traffic disbursement during the slow parts of the week. I think this is a great idea not only for Calico but all of Red Rock
Headd	Rex		25	2	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	If a fee or reservation system was instituted similar to RRCNCA where access was open before 8 am I would be fine with that. I frequently visit Calico Basin after work during the week so I'd hate to see access prohibited after dark, especially in the winter when it is dark by 5 pm.
Hegyes	John		116	1	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	I'm kind of alarmed At the notion that we could have a whole area of land with access cut off to some you know, especially at night or due to a reservation systems being instituted, and perhaps even the quotas that come along with the reservation system.

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Hempel	Dwight		5	5	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	3. Controlling visitor access: BLM, with County This is the toughest issue to address. There are a number of intertwined factors to deal with. a. Basic goal: meeting visitor expectations, with minimal degradation of the environment and minimal negative impact on residents. b. Problems to be addressed: over-crowding, environmental degradation and visitor bad behavior c. When does this occur: Any time, but primarily on weekends and holidays in the Spring and Fall. d. Possible solutions: We have to start with a carrying-capacity study: how many users can be in the Basin at one time without degrading the visitor experience, the environment or the trail condition. [See trail comments below.] Once you have this information, determine the number of vehicles that would equate to this many visitors. Then provide sufficient parking for that number of vehicles. Once the number of vehicles equals the number of parking spaces, visitor access will be closed.
Howitt	Shayna		117	2	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	I struggle, the reservation system, especially on weekdays and evenings when you know locals might want to come in just for a little bit so if we could maybe just have reservations on the weekends that'd be great.
Kahne	Joseph		74	3	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	It would be much better to limit use by limiting parking than through a reservation system. If increasing the number of parking spaces, so that parking usually only fills up on holiday weekends and breaks, is possible, then that would be ideal. Places like Yosemite use this system where once the parking is full they close the entrance to visitors and open it toward the end of the day when parking spaces become available again. I believe this is the best system and allows for the greatest and most equitable access. If Calico Basin would fill to capacity very early every morning and only go below capacity at the very end of the day, even after increasing parking spaces, then perhaps a reservation system would be appropriate during weekends and holidays only.
Koch	Brendan		51	1	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	Considering the fact that there was no public comment period, no q&a sessions, I was wondering if the BLM is considering any sort of revision of the time entry system. I don't know a single person amongst my community who thinks it was a good idea or has benefitted from its implementation.
Lehman	Jessy		120	1	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	I just want to add my voice as well you know I really am not a fan of having a reservation system. For the same reasons as many others here have voiced, you know I'd really like to have the opportunity to get out on a whim, you know, without having to plan ahead. And you know, I think it definitely would be wonderful to have some kind of fast lane for pass holders you know if we are going to have some kind of gated system. Or you know some easy access for locals or for sncc members.
Lewis	Gabe		83	9	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	The late exit permit system is now horrible. Return it to phone calls (since no data service in many parts of Red Rock) or make it an easy website that doesn't require entering credit card information. I will happily code something for the BLM that is simple, secure, and free.
Lewis	Gabriel		123	1	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	I do think it's really valuable on just like to briefly follow up on a couple other people's comments as a Vegas local it'd be really nice to somehow be able to climb after work or somehow be able to pop in on short notice, without having to go through the reservation system if you get off work early or if, like there's just some change in the schedule and right now it's kind of ruining climbing in red rock by having to plan your whole week ahead. Do the reservation system and it would be nice if there was some way, if you had a Nevada driver's license or something that you could get in and skip the reservation system.
Lewis	Gabe		83	2	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	Likewise, the reservation system ruins locals' spontaneous afternoon climbing.
Malik	Edward		65	5	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	Close the park when maximum capacity is reached.
McCandless	Cassandra		91	1	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	I have noticed, just as a climber, that with the permit system in place in the loop, it seems like more climbers are maybe unsure how easy it is to get a permit or you know, worried about getting a permit, and so they go to calico basin, instead, knowing that they don't need one.
Peterson	Ken		46	4	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	I am fine with a fee for visiting this area but strongly disagree with having to make reservations. As a local I enjoy being able visit this area if I get off work early. I don't always know when I will be able to go in advance, and I enjoy being able to visit the area on a moment's notice.
Peterson	Natalie		47	3	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	I am fine with a fee for visiting this area but strongly disagree with having to make reservations. As a local I enjoy being able visit this area if I get off work early. I don't always know when I will be able to go in advance, and I enjoy being able to visit the area on a moment's notice.
Raulerson	Curtis		52	1	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	I am completely against putting up a pay station and/or requiring reservations for Calico Basin area. I use this area with my family often and most of the time it is a last minute decision. Requiring passholders to pay to make a reservation is ridiculous. You made a poor decision on Red Rock and I'm sure you will repeat it here.
Richeson	Victoria		53	1	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	Instead of a ticketing/fee booth, maybe increase the parking areas and include a parking area designated specifically for camper vans with a low nightly reservation fee. This would 'kill two birds with one stone,' as there is a problem with camper vans parking in a nearby wash. With low priced reservations, the basin can pull in the large climbing population that comes to Vegas and build up revenue to go towards trail/area maintenance. Within the new parking area, have clearly marked lines and enforce ticketing on vehicles parked in non-designated areas. Another revenue booster that would decrease the nuisance of heavy traffic to residents.
Ring	Cam		29	2	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	Furthermore, I believe that the BLM needs to remove the timed entry/reservation system for the Scenic Loop during non-holiday weekdays, when the Loop NEVER REACHED CAPACITY prior to the timed entry system and is currently not reaching capacity. The unnecessary non-holiday weekday requirements for having a reservation to enter Red Rock do nothing but increase visitor use to Calico Basin and other areas.

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Ring	Cam		128	1	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	And so, my big fear of moving forward is that you know we're just going to continue to see increased visitation and calico and cottonwood and then next thing you know we're going to have a reservation system there too. And to me that's going to really ruin what's so great about having these areas, which is that you know I can finish work a little early and I can be there in five minutes and be enjoying the resource, whereas I can't go to red rock really anymore, because you know I can't get that reservation, or I just don't know my schedule. So, for me, the biggest thing would be not having a reservation system in Calico. And then also maybe reconsidering the red rock entry system, as you mentioned. You're not getting maxed out during the week, maybe you don't actually need a reservation system during the week, and that would actually alleviate some of the pressure that calico is feeling.
Short	Aaron		66	5	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	I oppose the use of a private corporation, namely Booz Allen Hamilton, for the reservation fee system. I do not like providing an NSA contractor, known for helping the government spy on citizens, my information nor money to access public lands. This fee should be abolished for the loop and not applied to calico basin.
Stockman	Harlan		20	3	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	The overstepping on the scenic loop -- requiring reservations on non-holiday weekdays -- is silly, don't be silly again. The tightening of the scenic loop is the reason Calico got so overcrowded; It was a problem created by BLM.
Wood	Adam		67	2	Reservation system (for rock climbing)	I am also against the reservation system being used in Calico Basin which you no doubt would do in addition to the fee booth. I enter this area frequently for rock climbing and hiking and it is a good alternative for those who cannot get into Red Rock due to the idiotic reservation system.
Fabry	Lauren		64	7	Private Property Concerns	Unless Calico Basin magically expands, there is no more access. Turn back the quantity of people. Calico Basin residents are not obligated to accept an untenable amount of chaos so many days throughout the year. We were used for temporary public appeasement when loop admission fees began. I do not see this as the residents burden to sacrifice a reasonably quiet neighborhood as it was before the loop entrance fee filtered visitors the Calico Basin/Red Springs area.
Goss	Tina		23	4	Private Property Concerns	Our take-away from the meeting last night was that there is no real urgency to resolving these issues. We hope that is not the case as we are entitled to quiet enjoyment of our properties.
Robertson	Brittany		92	9	Private Property Concerns	And we live here, and these properties existed before the recreational area was created, and we have rights as property owners, they need to be respected and protected, just as much as recreation does
Fabry	Lauren		3	1	Trespass	Residents privatized Calico Drive to improve privacy by reducing the outside horses, dogs, hikers, campers and tourists in front of our home. I have spent \$1000.00 on posting regulation no trespassing signs, metal posts, cement, and labor to prevent non resident traffic on our private drive. I do not want to open my door and find people taking pictures of my home. This is my home, a private road, and I and my family expect the usual privacy we had for twenty years prior. Visitors are everywhere. Parcel 164-06-301-001 and 164-06-301-002 seems a source of confusion and is problematic. Our home was built in 1996. Usual and customary use of Calico Dr. abutting the front of my property was an undeveloped paper road. For the twenty years, and prior to 2012, Calico Dr. dead ended at my driveway. The usual and customary use of Calico Dr. South of my drive was nonexistent, private, unused, undeveloped raw land. The change in land use on parcels 164-06-301-001 and 164-0301-002 impact residents adversely and is an intrusion through the middle of the neighborhood. A solution is overdue.
Fabry	Lauren		3	2	Trespass	The main issue for me and my family involves the vehicle and animal traffic on the private drive in front of my house. Specifically, BLM parcels 164-06-301-001 and 164-06-301-002 are problematic to Calico Basin residents. There is a new and enlarging trail corridor on relatively pristine land that now leads only to private property. If this new trail on these two parcels is not fenced at Sandstone Dr. between parcels 164-06-301-003 and 164-06-210-006 and allowed open to public access, signs need posted as to stop the lost from roaming intimately and purposefully throughout the residential neighborhood, looking into backyards, driveways, with their unleashed, unmanaged dogs. Over the last few years increased traffic has cleared a path that had never been previously. Additionally the ancient rock formation along the gov't parcel has been irreparably damaged with foot traffic, horse traffic and manure, people with unleashed dogs and feces, all running through out this ancient rock. That rock along that gov't corridor is ancient and was beautiful. I made numerous complaints the damage happening to this ancient rock and surrounding land. The damage could have been stopped and mitigated in real time. Since the BLM was aware and did nothing, the damage continued and is now beyond repair to the original condition. I can provide details of complaints upon request.
Fabry	Lauren		64	1	Trespass	The change in use on parcels 164-06-301-002 and 164-06-301-001 has encouraged use where little to none had been before. This new and enlarging "trail" corridor on these two parcels veers off, leading people onto recently privatized Calico Drive and several other private properties. This public access winds through the MIDDLE of the residential neighborhood and is unacceptable as it stands without closure or directional signage. Damage to these parcels could have been stopped in real time. Why this was allowed to continue on less traveled land is baffling, unless the BLM has a plan for these parcels they have yet to share with Calico Basin residents. With cleared gov't lots 164-06-301-002 and 164-06-301-001 began a new dynamic that continues currently. This new visibly seen worn "path" invites folks to use what looks like a trail head, inviting hikers, horse, dogs and mountain bikes onto now privatized Calico Drive, Sage Place, and several other private properties. I reported this changing land accessibility in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 with no resolve. People keep coming, and are frequently rude when confronted. This impacts my property adversely, my privacy and peaceful enjoyment. BLM needs to find a solution like fencing and enforcement and be a good neighbor. I can provide specific details of dated complaints upon request; you may also speak with Catrina Williams, Meggan Holtzer, Officer Brad Sones, Ranger Greg Johnson, Joe Kotecki. Change in access on 164-06-301-002 and 164-06-301-001 is intrusive and problematic to residents. My property will not become encumbered or burdened by changing accessibility on BLM parcels.

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Robertson	Brittaney		86	12	Trespass	We have had drones flown over our house at very low altitudes, coming within feet of my children in our backyard pool. There have been a number of trespassing issues on our property alone over the last six months, despite the placement of large signage at my property entrance. Vehicles have entered my property, people have walked in without consent and rang my doorbell asking to park in our yard or simply used our driveway and front yard as a turnaround, damaging my driveway and landscaping and putting my family at danger. The worst was a call that I made to 911 in early 2021 because a man walked into our front yard with a long lens camera, taking photos from inside of our property. When I heard our dogs barking after I exited the shower, I opened my window to see this man trespassing. When I opened my door and told him he was trespassing and needed to leave, this man turned his camera on me and began photographing me in a bathrobe and did not leave my property until I called 911 and was speaking with the operator and began to approach him. The police never responded, despite the fact that I told them that I felt that I was in danger.
Robertson	Brittany		92	3	Trespass	We need to stop street parking, especially in front of residential properties within calico basin it's only encouraging people to trespass onto private properties, the current situation is dangerous to the residents of Calico Basin and it's also dangerous to the people who are using the area for recreation. There is no ingress there's no there's no emergency access private property trespasses happening more frequently. There are no set hours for recreation, leading to an increased number of people who are trying to Camp have campfires park overnight in there are visa and their vans.
Robertson	Brittany		92	7	Trespass	Recreational users are not staying on marked trails, they're creating new trails and even entering into private property.
Allen	John		93	1	Parking	I think would be essential in our planning, he is to look at the parking situation if we have an increased population and increase used to be area increased parking is going to be an essential, and increase parking to accommodate horse trailers, because it is a great equestrian destination for trail rides, especially on the southern end of the property.
Allen	Sandy		57	1	Parking	I request expanded parking for all areas of the Red Rock Canyon Recreation Area.
Dunn	Larry		18	2	Parking	Most funding for these improvements came from the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act [SNPLMA]. There is an obvious need to develop additional formal (not necessarily paved) parking within the RS/CB area. One category of new parking is the several trailheads along Calico Basin Road. Another is the Kraft Mountain parking lot which should be enlarged or, at least widened on the south side. There is also an easy, low-cost opportunity to immediately create additional parking along the existing road that extends west from the Kraft Mountain parking lot.
Fabry	Lauren		64	5	Parking	2. Put the two gates that were removed from Kraft Mountain parking lot back on the entrance of Kraft Mt. parking lot. CLOSE KRAFT MOUNTAIN PARKING LOT NIGHTLY. PEOPLE CONTINUALLY LIVE THERE! KRAFTMOUNTAIN PARKING LOT IS A CONTINUAL PROBLEM. NO overnight anything, or better arrangements and permitting for professional climbers should be implemented. 3. Parking only in parking lots. No more parking on the sides of the roads. Post 'No Parking' signs along all easements identifying the code violation with the fine posted, or move the knee high fence closer to the pavement to actually make people not park on the easement
Fabry	Lauren		3	4	Parking	1. Close gates at Red Spring and put the gates that were removed back on the entrance to Kellogg parking lot and close at night with NO overnight anything. Better arrangements or permitting must be arranged for professional climbers. Human waste dump—in keeping Kellogg lot gravel. 2. No parking signs on resident side of the street identifying the code violation with the fine posted No fire signs identifying the code violation with the fine posted
Fiato	Sharon		13	2	Parking	Request expanded parking for all areas of the Red Rock Canyon Recreation Area Trailer parking is always challenging and inside the park is practically impossible to park by White Rock.
Graves	Travis		114	1	Parking	I think one of the main issues for me, that I'll kind of bring up again, is obviously congestion more so on the weekends and Calico Basin, and I think that expanding the parking options would not only help with getting a lot of cars off the road to kind of minimize maybe basically incidents with Homeowners and hikers you know climbers mountain bikers, and so forth, would be great.
Harrison	Lisa		39	2	Parking	I also think there should be a possible expansion of this upper kraft parking lot to accommodate oversized vehicles like sprinters or trucks with camper shells or there should be a specific parking lots for these oversized vehicles (i.e Red Springs Parking lot) with signage preventing them from parking in this upper lot as it can often make it near impossible to park, turn around, or back-up with these oversized vehicles.
Harrison	Lisa		115	1	Parking	wanted to start with the need for vault bathrooms at the upper Kraft lot. Also, possibly either expanding that parking lot or creating a specific parking lot for sprinter vans outside of that dirt road. When sprinter vans or oversized vehicles are parked there, it makes it difficult for everyone to park to backup and maneuver.

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Hempel	Dwight		5	7	Parking	4. Parking: Primarily County, with BLM This is the #1 issue for residents. Road System: A few years ago, I did my own study of the road system easements in Calico Basin. All roads in the residential portion of Calico Basin are either a private property easement dedication to Clark County or BLM R/W granted to Clark County. Working with the BLM District's Realty Specialist, we identified where Master Title Plat notations were absent or confusing and the District sent corrections to the State Office for plotting. I was unable to determine the legal status of Calico Basin Road between SR 159 and Joylin Ave. There are Clark County easements that have been "vacated and abandoned." These are now "private" roads. All maps published by the BLM should clearly indicate "public" versus "private" roads. a. Basic goals: Safety, emergency vehicle access and non-interference with residents. b. Problem to be addressed: Parking along the sides of roads, blocking driveways, impeding traffic on the road system. c. When does this occur: Any time, but mostly notably on weekends and holidays during the Spring and Fall. d. Possible solutions: Parking along roadways without curbs is subject to Nevada Revised Statutes and Clark County Codes. BLM has no authority over parking within the County's road easements. Based on the carrying capacity study, provide sufficient parking spaces for visitors. This could include parking lots and authorized roadside parking at certain designated areas. Parking lots would include Red Springs, Kraft Mountain, and Gene's Trail trailhead [both sides of road], and perhaps on the south side of Assisi Canyon Ave [an area subject to flash floods]. Authorized street parking could be considered on both sides of Calico Basin Road from Red Springs east for about 300 feet and the west side of Sandstone Drive from north of Assisi Canyon Ave to Little Springs Rd. Parking adjacent to private property should not be authorized and "No Parking" signs posted and enforced. The Gene's Trail trailhead parking area should be designed to accommodate horse trailers. Coordinate with the Backcountry Horsemen organization for an estimate of how many horse trailers that they may have at any one time.
Hempel	Dwight		5	12	Parking	8. Kraft Mountain Parking Lot: BLM a. Basic goals: safety and minimize impacts on residents. #2 priority for residents. b. Problem to be addressed: bad behavior by visitors. This is the second highest complaint issue by residents. Almost weekly, in the area of Ash Springs near the man-made foundation, there is weapons firing, fireworks and bonfires. Late night partying, sometimes with loud music, is also a regular event. c. Possible solution: Now that infrastructure will be in place, close and lock a gate to the parking lot at sundown. This area should be a priority area for law enforcement. However, see "Night Hikes" below for an exception.
Hempel	Dwight		5	14	Parking	10. Camping: BLM Continued closure to overnight camping is strongly encouraged. 11. Night hikes and overnight parking for back-country wilderness area camping: BLM Currently a number of visitors like to do night hiking during the full moon. Parking accommodations should be considered for these individuals. The Kraft Mountain Parking Lot is used for overnight parking for those who want to do back-country camping in the Wilderness areas. This should be allowed, perhaps with registration at the Visitors Desk in the Visitors Center or on the web site. Registration for back-country use would also provide a safety feature for these individuals. An over-night parking permit would be issued for display on the vehicles dashboard.
King	Matt		7	1	Parking	I was out at Calico Basin the other day and thought it would be nice if they extended the parking lot at the end to make use of the entire gravel trail that is already established. Can this be done?
Lewis	Gabe		83	3	Parking	Better parking near Kraft Boulders—possible to make it a loop so people don't have to turn around?
Malik	Edward		65	3	Parking	· Close the park to visitors at night. Fence off the powerline road which provides alternative access to the canyon from the North used by hikers, animal, and mechanical off-roaders from Summerlin to avoid pay station and gates. · Create permitting process for legitimate professional climbers. · Reconcile the conflict between "no overnight parking and camping and no campfires" while allowing climbers to stay on the mountain overnight.
Malik	Edward		65	6	Parking	· Create proper parking closer to highway, away from residential area. · Post NO PARKING in front of private residences. · Install security cameras in parking lots. · CONVERT ILLEGAL KRAFT MOUNTAIN PARKING LOT TO LEGAL LOT AND PROPERLY MAINTAIN, PROVIDEFACILITIES AND CLOSE THE GATE AT NIGHT.
Robertson	Brittaney		86	3	Parking	Additionally, the issue of vehicles parking along the roads of Calico Basin, particularly in the residential area are of major issue. While we were not the owner of our property when Sandstone Drive was paved and the rights of way were established, from what our neighbors have reported to us, they were promised to have the roads paved for access to their homes and maintenance and were reportedly told at the time by Clark County that there would not be parking allowed on the sides of the roads. This was supposedly the reason that the large diameter rock was used to fill in the sides of the roadways, in order to stop vehicles from parking in front of private residences. Over time, these rocks have been pounded down due to vehicles parking and the no parking signs have all but disappeared. The access created by the paved road also lead to the establishment of the Kraft Mountain Parking lot, which was expanded during the COVID closure of 2020 and a number of new trailheads, markers, wag bags and other new resources were added to the area with no explanation, environmental study or public comment, let alone any notification of the residents who have all been affected by the increase of the size of this parking lot.
Robertson	Brittaney		86	6	Parking	No street parking, especially in front of residential properties within Calico Basin. Parking capacity needs to be limited to the number of currently established spaces within the Red Spring and Kraft Mountain lots (and Kraft Mountain needs to be returned to its previous lot size, as that was done without any type of environmental impact study or notification of the residents affected). Signage is not sufficient, as the current signage is blatantly disregarded on a daily basis and enforcement is nearly non-existent.
Robertson	Brittany		92	1	Parking	At this point, the number of vehicles, a lot inside of calico basin needs to be limited to the number of available parking spaces inside of the red spring and craft mountain parking lots the lot should not be expanded further. The craft mountain lot should not have been expanded when it was without any input from anybody.

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DePalma	Jerry		17	4	Traffic and private access	Access from Calico Basin Road onto the highway is another serious problem which must be addressed based on current volume alone.
DePalma	Jerry		17	5	Traffic and private access	If bikes are allowed in the basin then a separate pathway must be established as it is impossible to maintain the legally required separation of a vehicle from a bike rider without utilizing the oncoming traffic lane. This is an obvious danger to both the operators of vehicles and bike rider.
Goss	Tina		23	1	Traffic and private access	As you may be aware we are in the process of constructing our new residence which was a decision we made with the beauty and rural aspects of Calico. It seems that the residents are now being overrun by the recreational visitors who now come in large numbers every day. When entering Calico Basin Road we are met with many vehicles parking along the road and families unloading dangerously near the road. When attempting to leave and turn east to return to Las Vegas it often takes 15-20 minutes to safely exit Calico. This is unacceptable for the residential community from both a quality of life and safety perspective. While we understand the various entities involved in providing a solution to the volume of visitor traffic and ingress and egress we hope that the BLM will be proactive and lead the problem solving. Please consider a gated entry which would provide the needed checks and balances to insure the right amount of visitors through the area. Not only are the residents' properties being affected, the natural resources are being overrun and will suffer. If gated, please provide a separate gate for the residents as we need to be able to freely come and go.
Harrison	Lisa		39	4	Traffic and private access	I think this plan needs to include a portion on managing traffic at the 159 turnoff. As a Blue Diamond resident I see frequent car accidents here and on weekend the line-up to turn on to 159 can be over a mile long.
Harrison	Lisa		115	3	Traffic and private access	Another issue I think is managing the traffic at the 159 turn off, as you know, there was an accident even there today. It gets backed up, and it is hard for people to turn out on that, so I think managing that traffic somehow would be nice but also like to see an increase in ranger presence at both Red Springs and in Kraft.
Hauck	Patrick		40	3	Traffic and private access	A traffic light is the only way to help the intersection of Calico Basin Rd and the highway. To say there is congestion is to way understate the problem. Since the reservation system for the loop began, a good weekend day is when there are only 10-20 cars in front of you waiting to make a left hand turn, 40-50 cars back up is not unusual and we have counted over 80 at times. A stop gap measure might be a right turn and left turn lane to help to mitigate the issue until a light could be installed. Maybe only 20-30% of the traffic turns right but it would help. Another stop gap measure would be a person directing traffic at the intersection more than just occasionally.
Hempel	Dwight		5	3	Traffic and private access	1. The intersection of SR 159 and Calico Basin Road: NDOT/County/BLM This is an NDOT problem to solve. It is supposed to be covered in the planning for the Legacy Bike Trail, but your planning team needs to monitor what NDOT is planning and determine if it meets BLM's and resident's requirements for ingress to and egress from CB. Safety during egress from the Basin is the primary issue. With smart [computer] traffic control technology and thinking outside the box a solution can be found. a. Basic goals: Safety, minimal impact on SR 159 traffic flow, and minimal impact on visual resources. b. Problem to be addressed: Excessive backup on Calico Basin Road due to heavy cross-traffic on SR-159 during times of high traffic volume exiting Calico Basin. c. When does this occur: Weekends and holidays, generally between 2:00pm and 7:00pm. d. Possible solution: (1) provide for two exit lanes—one left turn and one right turn. (2) provide for traffic control lights: (a) ground-mounted to minimize visual intrusion (b) operate only on-demand -- in normal position, lights will be off -- on-demand blinking for medium traffic volume, when there are 10 exiting vehicles per 15- minute period. Once activated, the blinker would stay on for at least 1 hour. Yellow for SR-159 and red for Calico Basin Road. -- on-demand full operation for high traffic volume, when there is a backup of existing vehicles on Calico basin road for [75 feet, 10 vehicles, pick a number], the signal would activate to clear the backup and continue cycling until all the backup on Calico Basin Road is cleared, then revert to blinker and eventually to off. -- yellow blinking warning lights about 1/2 mile east and west of the intersection would be activated when the intersection lights are either in blinking or full operational mode. This is because most of the time, the intersection lights will be off, so motorists need to be warned when the lights are on.
Hempel	Dwight		5	4	Traffic and private access	2. Calico Basin Road: "Share the Road"—County a. Basic goal: Safety b. Problem to be addressed: Calico Basin Road is a narrow 2-lane road. When a cyclist is using the road, it is not possible for a vehicle to pass the cyclist without crossing the center line and into the on-coming traffic lane. When the Legacy Bike Trail project is built, bicycle traffic will increase both for accessing Calico Basin and to make a pit stop at the restrooms in Red Springs. c. Possible solution: First of all, Calico Basin Road should be rebuilt to current Clark County standards. A parallel, separated bike path should be considered. The County has cleared sufficient width to accommodate the bike path. The Legacy Bike Trail crosses Calico Basin Road in the vicinity of Gene's Trail trailhead. With the combination of the trailhead and the Legacy Trail crossing, this would be an ideal location for outhouses.
Hempel	Dwight		87	1	Traffic and private access	Second point calico Basin road, as was mentioned is a narrow road, is impossible to share the road with bicycles. If there's a bicycle in front of you you're going to have to wait until the opposing traffic is clear, so that you can pull into the oncoming traffic to go around. I highly recommend you look at a parallel separated bike trail for safety purposes, because we are going to be getting more bike traffic once the legacy trail is in place.
Lewis	Gabe		83	7	Traffic and private access	Make sure people know the loop road is 2 lanes wide! Why are there no lane markers? So insanely annoying to drive the entire thing slow behind someone who won't let you pass. Please make loop road 2-way from 2nd pullout or Sandstone Quarry. So inefficient to have to drive the entire loop when just going to 1st or 2nd pullout. Toilets at 1st and 2nd pullout—biological disaster on busy days, please clean these more often to keep the sanitation at a reasonable level. Parking at 2nd pullout is too limited and forces people to park off the side of the road.
Lin	Katja		62	1	Traffic and private access	I am concerned about the possibility of increased traffic on the 159 as you come in from Charleston if there was a fee booth so hopefully the design and placement of the fee booth would be such that backup of traffic is minimal.

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Robertson	Brittaney		86	5	Traffic and private access	The # of vehicles allowed inside of Calico Basin for recreation needs to be limited to the number of currently available parking spaces inside of the Red Spring and Kraft Mountain lots. The lots should not be expanded further. Commercial groups should not be permitted (i.e. No tour buses, large groups, etc.) Regardless of whether or not this area becomes a fee area, the amount of vehicles allowed to access needs to be controlled.
Robertson	Brittaney		86	8	Traffic and private access	It is unsafe to turn left onto SR 159 during peak times and weekends due to the increased traffic. We are seeing significant delays to enter and exit Calico Basin and it will affect emergency access, potentially resulting in the loss of life and/of property. We need help with traffic management on SR 159 as well as within the roadways of Calico Basin.
Robertson	Brittany		92	4	Traffic and private access	Reiterating we cannot safely turn on to 159 during peak times the weekends, because of the increased traffic.
Robertson	Brittaney		86	1	Traffic and private access	The scenic loop has a set capacity (per BLM explanation) based upon usage, facilities, available parking and other factors. I would like to know how a capacity was set on the scenic loop, knowing that it would push visitation into the surrounding areas, without any consideration given to creating limitations to the number of visitors allowed into the Calico Basin area? The scenic loop is a 13.1 mile one way loop to transport people through Red Rock National Conservation Area and we have a single lane out and back road with little to no shoulder that is less than 2 miles in length that was privately held beyond the Red Spring picnic area until residents negotiated with Clark County to pave the road. It was never intended to service 750,000 visitors, rather it was supposed to be an access road to a residential community. This road is expected to be shared by all users, including bicyclists and other slower traffic. This road is often travelled by oversized vehicles, including campers, tour buses, construction equipment and a tremendous amount of standard vehicular traffic, all expected to safely turnaround in an impossibly small cul-de-sac that creates a major hazard on many days and most weekends.
Sellmann	Susan		14	3	Traffic and private access	1) On weekends and during peak seasons, spring and fall and holidays put a Ranger or a rent a cop at the corner of 159 and Calico Basin Road during peak hours maybe 10 to 4. They can direct traffic in and out of the area. Count cars and limit the number of cars in the area. Coordinate with the Ranger at Craft Mountain parking lot. 2) Add a Ranger at Craft Parking lot during these same peak hours to coordinate with ranger at Highway 159. This ranger can help direct traffic, Educate the importance of staying on trails. Educate the public on picking up after their dog. Educate on how fragile the wildlife and plant life in the desert is. Put up a Kiosk for WAG Bags. (waste alleviation and gelling bags)
Short	Aaron		66	4	Traffic and private access	Here are some general questions regarding the gate: How will residents access the area? Will they bypass tolls and have priority access? What business does the federal government have in running a private gated community for a residential area? How will the county ROW be handled?
Thall	David		58	1	Traffic and private access	I am wondering if there could be a road connected to the existing loop to et to Calico Basin. That way the people who live over there are not bothered by traffic.
Wilder	John		15	4	Traffic and private access	please consider that since the reservation system went into place, there has been a noticeable increase in traffic in my neighborhood of people using our trailheads to access the park. I suspect any action to reduce access off Charleston will result in more of this and it would be good if the BLM had a plan for that. As of now, it is completely possible for anyone with a car to drive into the conservation area from the east on a dirt road and park and use calico basin and leave without most noticing it. I suspect that this access would be far more widely used by locals who all know about it if calico becomes a few area.
Daboda	Darren	THPO - Moapa Band of Paiutes	132	2	Nuisance (vandalism, light, noise, etc.)	Would like to see Handling graffiti problems and if BLM has mitigation plans to remove graffiti using (elephant snot or any other cleaner)
Daboda	Darren	THPO - Moapa Band of Paiutes	132	4	Nuisance (vandalism, light, noise, etc.)	Would like to see Plans on using native vegetation (Fremont Cotton woods, Mesquite trees, Arizona Ash trees) to suppress noise pollution at parking lots
Fabry	Lauren		64	2	Nuisance, such as vandalism, light pollution, and noise	An ancient conglomerate ridge running along corridor 164-06-301-001 has been trashed by horse hooves and manure, dogs and feces, bikes, people hiking, and vandalized fencing. This is not access, it is erosion. I have spent thousands of dollars privatizing Calico Drive, posting regulation no trespassing signs, and engaging an attorney. Visitors are everywhere.
Robertson	Brittaney		86	16	Nuisance, such as vandalism, light pollution, and noise	Limitation of the number of climbing permits and hours of access. The climbers often begin arriving before sunrise and do not leave until the middle of the night. This 24 hour nuisance is increasing more and more as climbers have less access to the climbing areas within the scenic loop due to the reservation system. It is also markedly worse during the summer months when temperatures increase, as climbers try to beat the heat and climb in the early morning and evening hours. They bring their unleashed dogs, blast music and park in front of private residences, with very little consideration to those who reside in the area.
Robertson	Brittany		92	5	Nuisance, such as vandalism, light pollution, and noise	There are not enough trash receptacles in calico basin, we come across human wasting leptin ragbag all along the street and the trails. There's been an increase in graffiti environmental damage accidents vandalism.
Robertson	Brittaney		86	9	Nuisance, such as vandalism, light pollution, and noise	There are not enough trash receptacles in Calico Basin, human waste being left in wag bags all along the street and trails. We only have three pit toilets at Red Spring and it is a public health hazard to allow this area to be overrun by unbridled usage with little to no facilities. Increasing the number of bathrooms is also not something that we as residents want, due to the unpleasant smell and attractive nuisance it would cause.
Robertson	Brittaney		86	10	Nuisance, such as vandalism, light pollution, and noise	We have seen a significant increase in graffiti/environmental damage/accidents/vandalism/etc. Looking on Google Earth or Clark County Assessor flyovers, it is obvious the impact that overuse has had on the Calico Basin area over the last 10-15 years. You can see the destruction on satellite images, the creation of new trails and the overall increase in impact due to the overuse.

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Robertson	Brittaney		86	15	Nuisance, such as vandalism, light pollution, and noise	Recreational users are not staying on marked trails, creating new trails and even entering private property. There should be no new trailheads, facilities or additional infrastructure created in this area. It was first a residential area and the encroachment on expanding BLM trails and other facilities is a nuisance to the homeowners of Calico Basin.
Brock McDade	Roxanna		68	2	Public Safety and Enforcement	Signage should be implemented and used as an educational tool. This would include leave no trace ethics (not leaving toilet paper, trash, dog poo in the desert), not stepping on or removing desert flora, keeping dogs on a leash, leaving desert tortoise and any other animals alone, NO DRONES.
Brock McDade	Roxanna		68	7	Public Safety and Enforcement	I have two dogs that I walk out there, but I would not be opposed to banning dogs. There is dog excrement everywhere and I've had more than one dog, not on a leash (actually 2 running wild with a leash on) try to attack my dogs. I was threatened by one of these dog owners while trying to protect my dogs.
Brock McDade	Roxanna		68	6	Public Safety and Enforcement	Please enforce the ban of drones. One passed very near my head last weekend there.
Butler	Shannon		33	2	Public Safety and Enforcement	Additionally, encouraging or requiring masks may help people not have to spread out as far (due to COVID). Currently, people step off the trails to social distance, when a mask would allow people to safely pass on the trail. If human waste is an issue, wag bags have been an effective tool inside the park and we could put more of these stations throughout the park. I know many climbers who would be happy to help.
Daboda	Darren	THPO - Moapa Band of Paiutes	132	3	Public Safety and Enforcement	Would like to see Plans on using surveillance cameras at parking lots and other designated lands of concern; Plans on handling illegal dumping;
DePalma	Jerry		17	3	Public Safety and Enforcement	Much stricter enforcement of all the regulations for use in the basin is also required for the continued safety of the people using the basin and those living there. Calico Basin Road was clearly not designed for the current use of that road. Access by emergency vehicles is questionable at all times but especially during high traffic periods.
DePalma	Jerry		17	1	Public Safety and Enforcement	After attendance at the aforesaid meeting the lack of comments concerning matters important to the overall safety of the residents and property owners in Calico Basin was disturbingly lacking. While we certainly appreciate the ability to use the facilities of the basin by the public, the number of people in the basin is at a level which is not in unison with the overall safety of the people living there and is not consistent with the protection of the environment. By the government's own estimate 700,000 visitors annually currently use the basin growing to over 1 million visitors in the next year or two. This means that currently over 1900 people are in the basin on a daily basis growing to over 2700 people in the upcoming year. We have already made BLM aware that there is a poor response to emergency calls by either county authorities or park authorities. As we have heard previously from the residents of the basin there is a high amount of abusive use by many of the visitors, not the least of which is a continued disregard for use of the bathroom facilities, littering, parking, unlawful activities including drug use and soon. There is little reason for the basin to be open during night time hours in view of the dangers presented on the rocks and trails. In short common sense would dictate a limitation on the use of the facilities provided in the basin. We have heard during this meeting that people are still using bicycles and other vehicles which are currently prohibited, in complete disregard for the laws governing the use of such equipment. We have personally observed equestrian use over private lands in violation of posted trespass laws. Unleashed pets also continue to be a problem. When reminded by the residents of these concerns the facilitators have ignored these requests and have at times become hostile toward the residents.
Fabry	Lauren		3	5	Public Safety and Enforcement	Leash law signs identifying the code violation with the fined posted No overnight camping is unenforced Sign with fine for littering—more trash cans 3. In the past a Ranger would clear out the Red Spring lot after dark—what happened to that? One ranger that is assigned to Lake Mead is assigned to the conservation area too. There is an hour difference between these two areas and a ridiculous notion that one ranger is sufficient to manage these large swaths of land 4. Need Ranger posted at Charleston and Calico Basin Road entrance directing traffic on weekends and holidays AND to enforce with a ticket for noncompliance of posted ordinances ADDITIONALLY a visible ranger will deter the increased crime occurring in the parked cars—responding promptly to screamers, fires, overnighters, etc. 5. Signs to stay on designated trails with additional signs along the trails discerning between BLM land and private property, you know, use arrows 6. A visible ranger stationed in the area is much needed
Fabry	Lauren		64	4	Public Safety and Enforcement	In the past a Ranger would clear out the Red Springs lot after dark and close gates. What happened to that? One ranger that is assigned to Lake Mead is assigned to the conservation area too. There is an hour difference between these two areas and a ridiculous notion that one ranger is sufficient to manage these large swaths of land.
Fabry	Lauren		64	6	Public Safety and Enforcement	4. Post 'No Fire' signs identifying the code violation with the fine posted. 5. Post leash law signs identifying the code violation with the fined posted 6. No overnight camping is unenforced nightly. There are lights in the mountains all night long. BLM must enforce no overnight camping. I think people are living on (in) the mountains again 7. Post sign with fine for littering. 8. Need a ranger visible at Charleston and Calico Basin Road entrance on weekends and holidays AND to enforce noncompliance of posted rules and ordinances with a ticket. 9. Fencing is needed between BLM land and private property. Post signs periodically along designated trails discerning between BLM land and private property, you know, use arrows. 10. Visible rangers stationed in Calico Basin are needed. This will deter crime in the area and will allow a prompt response to bad situations.
Goss	Tina		23	3	Public Safety and Enforcement	If there is a cell site project in the works please provide details about the location and nature of the services.

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Harrison	Lisa		39	5	Public Safety and Enforcement	I would like to see an increase in ranger presence in Red Springs/the entire Calico Basin. I frequently see photo shoots in the meadow of Red Springs with families stepping off the boardwalk, trash, drone usage, rubbish, human waste, etc. I would like a stronger ranger presence for more public education. There are times that I dread going out into Red Rock and surrounding areas because I know I will encounter this and will have to address these issues with people who I see participating and it ruins my personal experience.
Heacock	Ashley		24	5	Public Safety and Enforcement	I feel that dogs should be allowed in the area, but as a concerned citizen I am worried about the amount of not only blatant feces out on the trails but also, the tied dog bags filled with poop, left on the trail for what I don't know because it won't decay, and no one will pick it up. Of course I pick up what I can but there is a large influx of poop. Maybe if there is a reservation system that is put in place for non regular visitors, they need to note if they will be having a dog with them and if they are, they need to be informed that they are responsible to pick up after their dogs. Maybe fine people who do not pick up after their dogs. Maybe first time reservation visitors with a dog need to watch a 2 minute clip on dog poop in the desert?
Hegyess	John		97	4	Public Safety and Enforcement	Rather than strictly controlling access to calico bass and I would suggest that the BLM devote, they devote more resources to patrolling the trails if it's been said earlier, but if we had Rangers regularly patrolling then things like graffiti will occur far less. The BLM has an enormous national budget, some of which really should be spent on additional patrols to protect the land and perhaps educate users, rather than going to us and users and asking for more fees that may occur with a toll booth.
Hempel	Dwight		5	15	Public Safety and Enforcement	12. Doggie poop bags: BLM a. Basic goal: reduce litter. b. Problem to be addressed: Many visitors are using dog poop bags, but then either leave them near the trail, in the parking lot or along the road. c. Possible solution: Outdoor Recreation Planners need to address whether the benefits of using dog poop bags outweighs the increase in litter. Some residents would prefer to see the use of the poop bags discontinued. I'll leave resolution of this issue up to the recreation planners.
Holloway	Bruce		21	2	Public Safety and Enforcement	There should be more ranger patrols. I go up there about two times a week. There is a lot of trash. I see people in the spring area. There are a lot of trails showing the meadow area. I see people tracks all along the side of the boardwalk. Also I see what appears to be a lot of camping vehicle in the parking lot and sometimes they are still there on my next trip. It appears they are allowed to camp in the parking lot. Another reason for more ranger activity.
Jones	Jason		118	2	Public Safety and Enforcement	I support banning drones, have watched drones actually chased red tailed hawks as well as well as numerous climbers.
Jones	Jason		118	4	Public Safety and Enforcement	Furthermore, on the topic of poop enforcing Clark counties leash law or even banning dogs is unnecessary is necessary, unfortunately. Dogs are known in that very basin to kill desert tortoise and other BLM sensitive species, I support increasing. Law enforcement in general, and if that's working with metro great the increase in theft craft this past year is evidence enough of that as well.
Kelly	Judy		63	2	Public Safety and Enforcement	Prohibit dogs from being off-leash, and enforce it.
Keyes	Geoffrey		88	1	Public Safety and Enforcement	My big concern that I would like us to address is getting more policing because of the really low life ruffraff that we're getting in the Basin and up in my area. I've had the Rangers out for a full blown porn video that they were doing around four o'clock and they're hiding behind the salt cedar trees right there in Calico Basin So you don't see it unless you live up in this area, but this is an ongoing problem. I've seen some really insulting sick drug abuse and all kinds of things to where it's vital that we need to address the policing up here and have some respect.
Keyes	Geoffrey		89	1	Public Safety and Enforcement	This is a safety issue, I guess, no one's addressed at about the salt cedar trees right at their intersection of joy land and chemical base and road, because of the amount of people that are racing down that whether they're on a bicycle motorcycle. It's hard to get out and see oncoming traffic, the business that has the horse corrals there should maintain those trees, or the or the BLM should maintain them, because it is a safety issue at this point. Yes, that's the same area to where people are doing illegal activities because they're under the concealment of the trees.
Levy	Alicia		122	3	Public Safety and Enforcement	a ban of drones should be enforced it doesn't currently seem to be enforced at all, I do support access to the recreation areas at night. And I think that there should be additional management and enforcement of pet waste, because it is a real problem in the area.
Lewis	Gabe		83	4	Public Safety and Enforcement	Any plans to provide cell service in Calico (and in scenic loop)? Lots of Las Vegans get lost and stranded since they don't know how to read a map and try to call search and rescue because they didn't bring a headlamp or actual hiking shoes.
Malik	Edward		65	7	Public Safety and Enforcement	BIG SIGNS AND BROCHURES THAT FULLY EXPLAIN THE LAWS AND THE FINES INVOLVED
Malik	Edward		65	1	Public Safety and Enforcement	Calico Basin has become a party destination at night, a racing destination for motorcycles and muscle cars, a place to park a van and essentially live, and a crime scene for tagging, littering, property vandalism and trespassing. There are people sleeping in the rocks nearly every night. Campfires are common. Emergency teams and helicopters are here on a regular basis to help unprepared, un-trained and irresponsible climbers, campers and partiers. They know that once Red Springs is closed at night, the rangers leave. The visitors respect for the area seems to have declined along with the increase in traffic. There is clearly inadequate law enforcement for the current conditions. Solution: · Full time law enforcement and ranger presence is now required. · Ensure BLM Fire station is properly maintained and manned. It wasn't when my home nearly burned to the ground. · Gate access to Calico Basin Road, particularly at night, with separate access for residents, guests and services.
McMillon	Joel		44	3	Public Safety and Enforcement	Instead of trying to keep people out, why not try to educate people? Why are there not rangers patrolling to prevent general mischief and hopefully educate people on why "leave no trace" is so important for preserving our public lands? Why is no one explaining the damage that social trails have on our ecosystem?

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Palermo	Grace	Friends of Nevada Wilderness	85	8	Public Safety and Enforcement	Increased BLM presence at all trailheads in the Calico Basin would help immensely with addressing visitor needs and encouraging responsible recreation. In addition to the Native land acknowledgement mentioned above, we would like to see education about invasive weeds, staying on trails, human waste, and overall land ethic.
Reyling	Jayne		11	4	Public Safety and Enforcement	I also would be very grateful to have Rangers on hand to educate and discourage people from leaving the trash, memorials, piled rocks, and dog feces everywhere. The graffiti has gotten much more prolific in the last year, and there are many break-ins of cars in the area.
Robertson	Brittaney		86	2	Public Safety and Enforcement	The roads of Calico Basin often wash out during periods of high rainfall that cause flash flooding and extremely unsafe driving conditions. There have been several incidences of major road washouts that have taken weeks to be cleared up because the road is maintained by Clark County. As a resident, I have had to contact Clark County Public Works myself in order to have the roads repaired or cleared of debris.
Robertson	Brittaney		86	7	Public Safety and Enforcement	The current situation is dangerous to residents as well as those using Calico Basin for recreation and first responders. -Lack of ingress/egress/emergency access -Private property trespass happening more frequently due to uncontrolled access and increased visitation. - Having no set hours for recreation is leading to an increased number of people trying to camp, have campfires, park overnight in RV's/vans
Robertson	Brittaney		86	11	Public Safety and Enforcement	Can call 911/311/Ranger Dispatch and sometimes no-one responds or it takes hours to have anyone come out. Enforcement of laws needs to be increased to discourage increased crime. There are a number of vehicle break-ins being reported in the Calico Basin area by local hiking groups. We also see stolen vehicles abandoned, suicides and other inappropriate activity, including the reported filming of pornographic films and photography, blocking of roadways for photoshoots and commercial use of the area without permits.
Robertson	Brittaney		86	13	Public Safety and Enforcement	No cell service, people unable to call for help. Injured hikers/climbers, people with car troubles or break-ins or medical emergencies can not make a phone call to emergency services due to the limited cell service in the area. It is unsafe to allow this to continue.
Robertson	Brittaney		86	14	Public Safety and Enforcement	Leash laws being ignored, this is leading to a destruction of habitat for native plants and animals and harassment of those riding horses, walking on trails, etc. It is also leading to unleashed animals entering onto private property, putting residents and their pets in danger.
Robertson	Brittany		92	6	Public Safety and Enforcement	We have a very poor police and ranger response we can call 31911 ranger dispatch all of the above, and sometimes nobody responds or it takes hours for anyone to even come out. The enforcement of laws needs to be increased and discouraged, in order to stop crime from increasing. We also have no cell phone service, so people can't call for help in the event that they get hurt or lost or their car gets broken into or stolen out here.
Robertson	Brittany		92	8	Public Safety and Enforcement	Leash laws are being ignored, and we have frequently increasing illegal use of mountain bikes, motorized vehicles, grown men riding their remote control cars around on rocks and posting videos of it everywhere.
Sellmann	Susan		14	5	Public Safety and Enforcement	Add Ranger programs at Red Springs park during peak days and hours. Have programs or talks twice a day on how to take care of the desert. How to protect the meadow area. Have display of wildlife. Enforcement of staying on the boardwalk and not going into the meadow. Without having enforcement on the ground during peak hours and peak days I don't know how else you can manage this area.
Short	Aaron		106	2	Public Safety and Enforcement	Increase signage and increased enforcement I know I've heard several comments about dogs off leash and I do have that concern, I see a lot of feces out there as well, and there's no enforcement, I have never seen a ranger out there enforcing that, so I think that balancing that, conservation with recreation, we can do without any kind of fee or restricting access and also a climber.
Urioste	Joanne		49	4	Public Safety and Enforcement	I like the idea of having rangers patrol the area several times a day, because this prevents crime and destruction of resources. It would be even better to have this patrolling ranger hike some of the trails each day, so that there is a presence of law enforcement and wilderness education in the back country.
Steele	Marla		131	1	Recreation	One thing that I think is going to be critical is Community involvement overall so say, for instance, we have these recreation uses of climbing horseback riding. Why not open opportunities to develop working groups and workshops, maybe committees that can meet every year to discuss priorities of overlapping conservation of resources. Another thing I think we need to outreach more to the general public would provide opportunities to get them excited about these resources and educate them about why we are implementing the rules of the area why need sound real well, we have these rare and unique plants grow in this area.
Ahmad	Taimur	Access Fund	60	3	Trails and infrastructure development	We would like to see improved infrastructure, signage, and parking for recreational areas that already exist in Cottonwood Valley. We believe that these improvements will help mitigate impacts caused by users of the area.
Ahmad	Taimur	Access Fund	60	5	Trails and infrastructure development	Additional infrastructure is needed within Calico Basin to improve congestion and parking issues, and mitigate other impacts on the area. A developed parking lot and pit toilets at the trailhead for Kraft Mountain would be hugely beneficial. We are interested in being a part of the discussions surrounding these infrastructure improvements and how they are implemented as the BLM develops this management plan. We believe that these improvements will help mitigate impacts caused by users of the area.
Anon	Anon		16	1	Trails and infrastructure development	First, it's been observed that random ugly metal signs have been erected along the desert floor of the calico basin. It's sickening to see your group which is supposed to protect the environment to instead litter on it with ugly irrelevant signs. The signs do zero to help anyone, but just cause an eyesore.
Anonymous	Ben		2	1	Trails and infrastructure development	Need better official trails to prevent social trails proliferating. However there is so much good rock climbing in the area, all of which I hope we can preserve access to, its unlikely every destination will have its own trail.
Arenz	Elaina		112	3	Trails and infrastructure development	Increase bathroom facilities, expand the parking of the Kraft with bathrooms

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Arenz	Elaina		112	2	Trails and infrastructure development	I would like to see would be just educational signage for red rock; leave no trace rules in multiple languages would also be very helpful.
Bailey	Kevin		1	1	Trails and infrastructure development	Define the word trail Trials can be walked, jogged or run on, ridden on by bicycle, driven down by 2 or 4 wheeled engine powered vehicle. Is their a plan to give full size 4 wheel drive vehicle access to the trails excluding the wilderness area? The OHV community is looking for more areas on public land to recreate on.
Brock McDade	Roxanna		68	1	Trails and infrastructure development	We need a larger parking lot at Kraft mountain, as well as pit toilets, trash cans and law enforcement. The area has seen a massive influx of visitors in the past year. The current parking lot cannot accommodate all the hikers & climbers.
Cthejelsuud	Hususkemd		34	3	Trails and infrastructure development	The BLM has already proposed the following: -Kraft Mountain trailhead improvements which include improved parking and added bathrooms - Elimination of social trails while preserving access to climbing areas -Clearer boundaries between private and public lands These bullet points clearly address root causes for recreation impacts and actually attempt to fix them. A project which focuses on these solutions, rather than just trying to force people away, seems much more sustainable to me in the long run, and with the added benefit of being more egalitarian.
Dunn	Larry		18	1	Trails and infrastructure development	The Friends of Red Rock Canyon [FORRC] prepared and delivered a proposal to the BLM circa 2013 to improve the RS/CB trail system. It included a comprehensive review of the RS/CB trail system together with detailed recommendations for improvement. It fell on deaf ears! I'm not sure that BLM management at the time even read the document. Shame on BLM! One would hope that you will read that proposal (copy attached) and consider those findings and recommendations as part of your current review and planning. In connection with RS/CB trails, it should be noted that the environmental assessment and accompanying record of decision supporting the 2005 development of RS/CB actually recognized and designated many of what are commonly thought to be un-designates use trails. See the related ?les for details.
Dunn	Larry		18	3	Trails and infrastructure development	Unfortunately, the BLM has done a terrible job of maintenance in Calico Basin. RS/CB has always been the red-haired stepchild of the so-called Red Rock Core Area (nowhere formally defined but generally understood to be the area within the Scenic Loop plus the surrounding area accessed from Scenic Loop trailheads). Until the recent boardwalk replacement project, almost all of the maintenance of RS/CB (except the daily trash collecting and outhouse cleaning) has been done by FORRC volunteers. Volunteer maintenance is great, but it's not a substitute for routine, professional maintenance. It's my understanding that the BLM relies upon Clark County to maintain Calico Basin Road and its shoulders. The County has done only an "okay" job of road maintenance.
Eddy	Joshua		35	1	Trails and infrastructure development	Just curious if expansion into Hunter/Gilmore and Cowboy trail systems are in the plan. Also curious what is planned to help curb illegal trail building!
Graves	Travis		114	2	Trails and infrastructure development	I definitely am for the possible expansion paving pit toilets, more garbage receptacles in craft mountain.
Hanks	Jen		61	2	Trails and infrastructure development	I recommend that trail signs be placed at trailheads that educate on proper trail etiquette and how to leave no trace.
Harrison	Lisa		39	6	Trails and infrastructure development	I would like to see trails with defined barriers to prevent trail winding which I see as a common problem in our desert as people try to walk 3-4 people wide on trails making them turn into roads versus trails.
Harrison	Lisa		39	9	Trails and infrastructure development	I know this is off-task but there is a DESPERATE need for trash receptacles at First Creek.
Harrison	Lisa		39	1	Trails and infrastructure development	There is a need for Vault bathrooms at upper Kraft lot. I have on more than one occasion had to talk to hikers in the area who I have caught using the restroom right outside of the parking lot oftentimes in the front yard of the surrounding houses to the upper Kraft lot and I am appalled by this thinking about how the homeowners must feel.
Hauck	Patrick		40	4	Trails and infrastructure development	Restrooms are a necessity at Kraft Mountain parking lot and even Genes trail and where the new bike path will cross the road. People are using the basin as a toilet because there are no facilities. There are probably 5-7000 people a day visiting Calico Basin on a weekend day. There is only one restroom at Red Springs. That is a lot of urine on the ground. It may even approach a health issue when there is more rain. We am not against public use of Calico Basin as long as there are parking lots, restrooms, and garbage containers to accommodate the use. There should be access to the public, it is a great area. The problem seems to be a lack of management of the area. I see BLM guys in their trucks up here all the time and I am glad to see them here, but all they do is observe all the traffic and environmental abuse.
Hempel	Dwight		5	10	Trails and infrastructure development	7. Trail use designations: BLM a. Basic goal: set trail users' expectations to match the on-the-ground situation. When expectations match the real world, visitor "enjoyment" is increased. b. Problem to be addressed: What are compatible trial uses? c. Where does this occur: All trails. d. Possible solutions: Outdoor Recreation Planners need to inventory the entire existing and historic trail system within the RAMP. Then trails need to be officially designated and uses specifically identified. Trails not designated for use should be returned to a natural condition. Trail user separation should be addressed in the RAMP. Some hikers complain about horse droppings on their hiking trails. Horses and mountain bikes, especially e-bikes, may not be compatible. Trails should be designated with a primary user group and any other users that might be allowed. Foreknowledge of what you might encounter on the trail is important.
Hempel	Dwight		5	8	Trails and infrastructure development	5. Infrastructure: BLM a. Basic goals: Environment protection and visitor enjoyment. b. Problems to be addressed: Additional infrastructure is needed to accommodate the number of visitors allowed. This is mostly a protection of the environment issue. c. Possible solution: Specifically, having sufficient toilet facilities to accommodate hikers and climbers at Gene's Trail trailhead and Kraft Mountain parking lots. If a parking lot is built on the South side of Assisi Canyon Ave, an outhouse is also needed here. Also see "Ash Springs/Ash Meadows" below.

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Hempel	Dwight		87	3	Trails and infrastructure development	Separation on trails between hikers, horseback, bikers, etc. is a major issue; it would be good if trails could be designated as a primary use horse trail and secondary hiking or no bikes on horse trails or Whatever the case may be. Designation needs to go to that level.
Hendrix	Leici		121	2	Trails and infrastructure development	Second, we want to see additional infrastructure added to Calico Basin to improve congestion parking issues and impacts on the area. We'd love to see a developed parking lot and pit toilets at the trailhead for Craft Mountain. We're interested in being a part of the discussion surrounding these infrastructure improvements and how they are implemented as you develop this management plan. We believe that these things will help mitigate impacts caused by users of the area.
Hendrix	Leici	Southern Nevada Climbers Association	60	3	Trails and infrastructure development	We would like to see improved infrastructure, signage, and parking for recreational areas that already exist in Cottonwood Valley. We believe that these improvements will help mitigate impacts caused by users of the area.
Hendrix	Leici	Southern Nevada Climbers Association	60	5	Trails and infrastructure development	Additional infrastructure is needed within Calico Basin to improve congestion and parking issues, and mitigate other impacts on the area. A developed parking lot and pit toilets at the trailhead for Kraft Mountain would be hugely beneficial. We are interested in being a part of the discussions surrounding these infrastructure improvements and how they are implemented as the BLM develops this management plan. We believe that these improvements will help mitigate impacts caused by users of the area.
Hesse	Travis		41	1	Trails and infrastructure development	Please do not remove any pre-existing trails. These trails serve the public as our public lands should. The BLM should focus their new efforts and new willingness to "help" the local community by educating the public on leave no trace practices and actually providing waste disposal/restrooms at local trailheads for the public's use.
Howitt	Shayna		117	3	Trails and infrastructure development	The other thing, especially in calico that I would love to see included would be better access trails specifically better marked access trails to really popular areas like the yin and Yang area other areas that large groups are constantly going to and kind of tracking through different trails so if we could include that that would also be great to see.
Jones	Jason		118	3	Trails and infrastructure development	I also think it's important to match visitation numbers with facilities so make more than that's available, the couple toilets or red springs for over 25,000 people at least based on your numbers. On peak days it's appalling, unsanitary and, frankly, an epidemiologist nightmare.
Kelly	Judy		63	3	Trails and infrastructure development	Place trash receptacles at Gene's Trail. Many dog poop bags are left at the trailhead.
Levy	Alicia		122	2	Trails and infrastructure development	I also think that there should be pit toilets and improvements to the parking at craft.
Lewis	Gabe		83	6	Trails and infrastructure development	Make better maps at all trailheads and trail intersections in order to limit "social trails" to "established climbing areas." Local climbers would LOVE to help with trail work (once Covid is over) to limit social trails and help delineate the actual trail to limit erosion. Most tourists (and probably most Americans) cannot read a topo map and figure out where they are/where they're trying to go. For example, the trail from the Kraft parking lot towards the east side of Kraft Mountain has a shortcut (that's technically private property), but no one knows this and keep making the path wider and more "established."
Lin	Katja		62	3	Trails and infrastructure development	you cannot put enough dog waste stations....this is already a huge problem in the area
Lippia	Weston		124	1	Trails and infrastructure development	You know red rock Canyon is a national conservation area, not a national preservation area by virtue of that the idea of being able to mitigate but not necessarily fully eliminate the impact of use is critical. As a part of that you know the expansion of things like the parking at the end of sandstone road, I believe it is for the craft boulders. You know it's necessary to get that paved potentially expand it and certainly to add pit toilets to that and increase the capacity for that.
Luneau	Taylor	American Alpine Club	76	3	Trails and infrastructure development	Due to the growing popularity of the area, we would like to encourage improvements to the infrastructure such as an expansion of the parking lot as well as the addition of pit toilets. Specifically, enhancing the gravel lot near Kraft Mountain to maximize parking spaces would mitigate potential environmental and social impacts caused by users in the area. We also encourage the placement of pit toilets at Kraft Mountain, similar to the ones that are near Red Springs Picnic Area.
Malik	Edward		65	4	Trails and infrastructure development	· Trash cans at trail heads, animal and human waste bags.
McDermott	Erin	Friends of Red Rock Canyon	19	1	Trails and infrastructure development	Please find attached a 2013 proposal that was presented to Friends of Red Rock Canyon and BLM by interested individuals regarding the potential creation of a more formal trail system in Calico Basin. Given BLM is looking for public comment, Friends believes that the inventory, parameters, and skeletal trail system recommendations in the proposal add value to the current process BLM is undertaking to produce a Calico Basin RAMP. Please reach out if you have questions.
McMillon	Joel		44	1	Trails and infrastructure development	The conservation area would see much more benefit from funneling efforts into trail maintenance; actually designating and protecting restoration areas instead of just posting a barely visible sign off of main trails; and generally educating the public on leave no trace ethics and desert wildlife, plant life, etc.
Momsen	Rick		126	2	Trails and infrastructure development	I have the KMZ that you provided up overlaid with trail data that Stephanie and I have collected ourselves, and there is a significant number of trails leading up to walls that are not in your data set at all and others that are difficult to tell if they are official or not we'd be. I guess the comment is that you really need to work with the Community to address which trails are valid in which are not.

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Palermo	Grace	Friends of Nevada Wilderness	85	5	Trails and infrastructure development	Litter and waste are serious issues at trailheads across the country. We urge you to mitigate some of this by building bathroom facilities at the Kraft Mountain Trailhead. We also ask you to consider requiring the use of wag bags in this area. As more and more people enjoy public lands every year, packing out human waste is likely to become a more common practice to ensure long-term sustainability of our shared lands. An increase of trash receptacles should also be considered.
Palermo	Grace	Friends of Nevada Wilderness	85	6	Trails and infrastructure development	Gene's Trailhead has become a popular access point, especially when the Kraft Mountain and Red Spring trailheads reach capacity, and it's likely that popularity will increase. We encourage you to get ahead of this by adopting Gene's Trailhead as an official facility with organized parking and a trailhead sign. The informal parking area is likely to grow and grow unless it's made official and given a solid boundary.
Palermo	Grace	Friends of Nevada Wilderness	85	7	Trails and infrastructure development	There are many inventoried trails that parallel each other in the Calico Basin Area. If any of these trails are adopted, we encourage you to choose one of the paralleling routes by restoring the others, and making it wider (where practical) to accommodate the way people want to use these trails and prevent more paralleling routes. If human activities are going to proceed in a sustainable fashion, then people need to stick to trails.
Peterson	Natalie		47	1	Trails and infrastructure development	I want to see additional infrastructure added to Calico Basin to improve the congestion, parking issues, and impacts on the area. I love to see a developed parking lot and pit toilets at the trailhead for Kraft Mountain. I am interested in being a part of the discussions surrounding these infrastructure improvements and how they are implemented as you develop this management plan. I believe that these things will help mitigate impacts caused by users of the area.
Peterson	Ken		46	2	Trails and infrastructure development	Second, I want to see additional infrastructure added to Calico Basin to improve the congestion, parking issues, and impacts on the area. I love to see a developed parking lot and pit toilets at the trailhead for Kraft Mountain. I am interested in being a part of the discussions surrounding these infrastructure improvements and how they are implemented as you develop this management plan. I believe that these things will help mitigate impacts caused by users of the area.
Reyling	Jayne		11	6	Trails and infrastructure development	When the Conservation area had public meetings a few years ago about improvements and management of the fee area, I proposed a crossing road for a quick exit from Sandstone Quarry to around Ice Box or Pine Creek. I know it's a long way and a substantial elevation change, but it would reduce the traffic and could be made with bicycle and pedestrian lanes to improve access for users of bikes and wheelchairs. A huge number of people who enter Calico Basin don't need to make the entire loop drive, except to get out. It would speed up moving people through if they could leave more readily. Most of the users are interested in Calcio 1, 2 and Sandstone Quarry areas as those are the closest to the rocks. Perhaps the BLM might make the road divided 2-way traffic as far as Sandstone Quarry. If you ease up the load of people in the Conservation Area, it would take some of the pressure off Calico Basin.
Sellmann	Susan		14	1	Trails and infrastructure development	I am writing to give my thoughts on managing the Calico Basin area. As a resident of The Basin for 27+ years. I have seen hiking trails go from 4 feet to 8 feet wide. The same trails have many spider trails off of them now. The same trails now have mountain bikers, horseback riders, unleashed dogs, and many more hikers. To manage these trails we need more manpower in the area. More signage on trailheads more local education programs.
Sellmann	Susan		14	4	Trails and infrastructure development	Put more signage at all trail heads stating trail use. I.E. Trail is designated for mountain bikes only. Or this trail is designated for horseback riders and hikers NO mountain bikers. Be specific.
Short	Aaron		106	1	Trails and infrastructure development	I think that we can find a balance between recreational uses and conservation, by reducing some of the braided trails out there.
Stockman	Harlan		20	1	Trails and infrastructure development	I agree there has been a rapid increase in the social trails in that area in recent years. But many of the trails have been there since before year 2000 (I started using the trails in 2000), and the erosion on them has been relatively minor. There are too many little trails near Kraft Parking and Red Springs Parking, but please don't shut down trails that access the Grand Staircase, Guardian Angel Pass, the saddle west of Kraft Mountain (some people call that Goblin Pass). Many of the trails near the parking are mainly used by people to let their dogs defecate, and I don't know how you can possibly address that.
Stoker	Lawrence	Lawrence	30	1	Trails and infrastructure development	If infrastructure is a problem, then additional parking should be added. Much of the crowding this year has been due to the pandemic. Public officials cannot suggest that everyone go outside, only to lock down outdoor access.
Szabo	Thomas		31	2	Trails and infrastructure development	More immediately, it would be good to put wag bags, signs indicating why they are needed, signs indicating the reasons why deviating from the trails is prohibited, etc. Signs don't stop those wanting to do their own thing, but neither will a reservation system.
Urioste	Joanne		49	2	Trails and infrastructure development	I like the idea of restrooms, but I would suggest portable toilets, to reduce the water usage, which is already very limited in this area. Composting toilets are even better, if this is possible. I'd like to see trash containers at most trailheads, including containers for dog-poop-bags.
Wilder	John		15	1	Trails and infrastructure development	1- if Calico is going to be given focus and attention, then I'd like to see all trailheads get proper funding and set up as trail heads with pit toilets, signage, etc. I've already noticed a nice increase of signage in the area and I'd like to see that continue. In particular the parking at the corner for Cannibal and the hike into the park. 2- please make sure that the trails coming into the park from the east are given the same consideration and care- myself and my neighbors use those trails daily as hiking and biking trails. 3- speaking of which- I'd like to see the existing trails established as official trails and get signage and maintenance. I noticed that there is a plan to establish the legacy trail which looks like it may cut through several of those trails on its way to Calico Basin. I'm dubious that this is a good idea and the increase in bike traffic could negatively affect the fauna in the area. The coyotes that were pushed out of Stonebridge have made that area of the desert their home- there are two packs that patrol that area and I'm fairly sure one of their dens is right where that path is planned to pass.

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Yee	Irene		32	1	Trails and infrastructure development	I would like to echo the many great statements: -Expanded Parking at Kraft -Bathrooms at Kraft -Non-fee use
Ahmad	Taimur	Access Fund	60	1	Climbing and bouldering	We want to ensure future access to rock climbing in Cottonwood Valley. We also want to ensure that there is a plan to maintain and develop further rock climbing resources in the Cottonwood Valley area. For example, the new wildlife gates that have been installed across SRI60 are preventing access to a climbing area called Chocolate Rocks. We would like to see these new gates have access points installed that allow people to continue to recreate on public land.
Ahmad	Taimur	Access Fund	60	4	Climbing and bouldering	As with Cottonwood Valley, ensuring future access to rock climbing in Calico Basin is paramount. We would also like to see a plan to maintain and develop further rock climbing resources in the Calico Basin area.
Ahmad	Taimur	Access Fund	60	7	Climbing and bouldering	Many climbing areas in Calico Basin and beyond are accessed by social trails. While we appreciate the need to evaluate the impact of social trails on the environment, and in some cases close them to prevent impact, we do not want the closure of social trails to lead to a loss of climbing access. We would like to work with the BLM to find solutions to this issue, whether that means bringing certain social trails into the official trail system or finding alternate access routes that mitigate impacts to sensitive areas.
Ahmad	Taimur	Access Fund	60	9	Climbing and bouldering	In addition, some aspects of this planning initiative may qualify for the Access Fund Climbing Preservation Grant Program or assistance from our Conservation Team which helps maintain 1,2 climbing areas throughout the United States by assessing climbing area conservation needs, working with locals to address those needs, and providing training on planning and stewardship best practices to keep those areas healthy. 2 https://www.accessfund.org/pages/conservation-team 1 https://www.accessfund.org/take-action/apply-for-funding/apply-for-a-climbing-conservation-grant while sustaining the health and integrity of the landscape and the recreation experience.
Anonymous	Ben		2	2	Climbing and bouldering	Bolts: Fixed protection / bolts are vital to safe climbing in the area. Mandatory "camouflage" for bolts would be better than a bolting ban. Especially in the La Madre limestone crags, bolting permits would allow for new climbing areas and help spread out climbers, limiting overcrowding. As new areas are opened up, we do need trail maintenance and parking as well for those areas to prevent environmental damage and issues with homeowners.
Brock McDade	Roxanna		68	3	Climbing and bouldering	3. The trails to the boulders at Kraft mountain need to be well marked to avoid trampling of vegetation. Please remove social trails while preserving access to climbing areas. 4. I would like to see all established climbing areas, specifically those listed in area rock climbing guides by Jerry Handren, be preserved and climbing be permitted and not restricted in any way. 5. I would like the bolting of new routes to continue to be allowed in Calico Basin.
Butler	Shannon		33	1	Climbing and bouldering	I think that involving climbers as volunteers in the restoration, trail building (or unbuilding), whatever needs to go on, is a great way to the public and target those people who use the land. I support protecting access to climbers in this area, even if it is in a modified manner. This area often sees "overflow" from the Park when the pullouts are full, it would be a shame to see it further limited. From personal observation, most of the vegetation loss seems to be around the bouldering areas, rather than the bolted climbing. I think that educating climbers on the impacts of covering the ground with crash pads would help this issue.
Friesen	Bryan		38	2	Climbing and bouldering	At Joshua Tree National Park, there are signs that direct climbers to the popular crags. I believe this strategy could also work for Calico Basin and the greater RRCNA. As climbing continues to become a more popular activity, the need for additional areas to climb will also grow. This is why route development using tactics such as bolting should be permitted in Calico Basin. There are techniques climbers can adapt to lessen the visual impact of climbing such as camouflaging hardware to blend into the natural colors of sandstone.
Friesen	Bryan		113	1	Climbing and bouldering	I did want to bring up some concern about one of the slides that did have it said, creation of designated climbing areas and the question wasn't fully answered when someone had brought it up Lisa Harrington, I believe, at the beginning of the Q&A session but. I think a clear explanation of what that could possibly mean if that is indeed what you were what the BLM is trying to do is I'm just make sure what the designated climbing areas would mean and does that mean that like there would be some areas that are restricted from climbing.
Friesen	Bryan		38	1	Climbing and bouldering	First, I would like to address the slide which states the RAMP/EA could create designated climbing areas which can be seen in the first bullet point of the slide below: [Bullet 1 from slide says: "Management of climbing and potential for designated climbing areas"] I think it's vitally important to make clear what this means. Will climbing only be allowed in some areas of Calico Basin? Will current areas be restricted? According to the comment below (SEE ATTACHMENT FOR BLM RESPONSE DURING PUBLIC MEETING), it appears the BLM has some intention of closing already established climbing areas. Reclamation of any established climbing areas should not be considered. Through a partnership with the SNCC, its members, and the rest of the climbing community, I believe we can create a proper trail system that could avoid the closure of any areas and keep the entirety of Calico Basin open to climbing.
Friesen	Bryan		113	2	Climbing and bouldering	I did see another comment that said possibly reclaiming the areas, and I would imagine that it's hard to create designated trails up the calico hills, where a lot high up on the calico hills, where a lot of the climbers rest are. So, it'd be great to make sure that we're working with the climbers in order for us to be able to access those higher up areas on the hills.
Granstrom	David		80	1	Climbing and bouldering	Please let me know if you would like to schedule some time to see Calico in person from one part of the public's perspective. Possibly seeing what the scrambling community does, climbing up the rocks without ropes and leaving nothing but footprints, would be useful in making some of your decisions about future use and restrictions of the area.

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Granstrom	David		95	1	Climbing and bouldering	I'm wondering if yourself in the other people that who are going to be making the plan are really aware of what scrambling includes there are several people at this meeting that are much more experienced that high and I'm sure that we could somehow get a group of you to come out and expose you to some scrambling and it's much easier to show than to explain.
Harrison	Lisa		115	5	Climbing and bouldering	In going along with that my first question that I asked had to deal with that designated areas for climbing. I just want to make sure that the lack of official trails or any social trails does not limit access to any established climbing areas or routes that are already there.
Harrison	Lisa		39	7	Climbing and bouldering	Perhaps most importantly in regards to climbing I want to make sure that lack of official trails aka social trails does not limit access to established climbing routes/areas. I do not want to see "designated climbing areas" or access to climbing restricted by any means due to lack of trails. Although I do see the benefit of creating designated trails to many of these areas.
Hendrix	Leici	Southern Nevada Climbers Association	60	4	Climbing and bouldering	As with Cottonwood Valley, ensuring future access to rock climbing in Calico Basin is paramount. We would also like to see a plan to maintain and develop further rock climbing resources in the Calico Basin area.
Hendrix	Leici	Southern Nevada Climbers Association	60	9	Climbing and bouldering	In addition, some aspects of this planning initiative may qualify for the Access Fund Climbing Preservation Grant Program or assistance from our Conservation Team which helps maintain 1,2 climbing areas throughout the United States by assessing climbing area conservation needs, working with locals to address those needs, and providing training on planning and stewardship best practices to keep those areas healthy. 2 https://www.accessfund.org/pages/conservation-team https://www.accessfund.org/take-action/apply-for-funding/apply-for-a-climbing-conservation-grant while sustaining the health and integrity of the landscape and the recreation experience.
Hendrix	Leici		121	1	Climbing and bouldering	First, we want to ensure future access to rock climbing and Calico Basin, we also want to ensure that there is a plan to maintain and develop further rock climbing resources in the Calico Basin area.
Hendrix	Leici	Southern Nevada Climbers Association	60	1	Climbing and bouldering	We want to ensure future access to rock climbing in Cottonwood Valley. We also want to ensure that there is a plan to maintain and develop further rock climbing resources in the Cottonwood Valley area. For example, the new wildlife gates that have been installed across SR160 are preventing access to a climbing area called Chocolate Rocks. We would like to see these new gates have access points installed that allow people to continue to recreate on public land.
Hendrix	Leici	Southern Nevada Climbers Association	60	7	Climbing and bouldering	Many climbing areas in Calico Basin and beyond are accessed by social trails. While we appreciate the need to evaluate the impact of social trails on the environment, and in some cases close them to prevent impact, we do not want the closure of social trails to lead to a loss of climbing access. We would like to work with the BLM to find solutions to this issue, whether that means bringing certain social trails into the official trail system or finding alternate access routes that mitigate impacts to sensitive areas.
Jordan	Jorge		27	4	Climbing and bouldering	On the overview map, the "Concentrated Climber Use" area isn't 100% accurate -- notably North/Northeast of Sandstone Quarry. I understand that specifically doesn't fall under Calico Basin, but we would love to have the SNCC as a sign off for the "Concentrated Climber Use" designated border if that border has a significant bearing on the way the areas are managed.
Luneau	Taylor	American Alpine Club	76	2	Climbing and bouldering	We strongly encourage the BLM to maintain future access for rock climbing and wish that the RAMP will be developed in a manner that protects the climbing resources and surrounding communities found in Calico Basin.
Luneau	Taylor	American Alpine Club	76	5	Climbing and bouldering	Many climbing areas within Calico Basin are accessed via social trails. We appreciate the need to evaluate the impact of these social trails on the environment and we believe there are solutions to these social trails to ensure continued climbing access. Our organization and our partners are prepared to assist with the planning and implementation of bringing the most important social trails into the official trail system or assisting the BLM and the climbing community to identify alternative access routes to protect sensitive habitats and species. We suggest the use of additional signage to reduce off-trail travel.
Momsen	Rick		126	1	Climbing and bouldering	currently bolting is allowed in the calico hills and, since you all, are taking sort of commentary I'd like to encourage that to continue to be allowed um I think it's really important to utilize the ability to bolt extra lines and additional areas to relieve stress on some walls that are getting particularly busy, and then that kind of ties into something that you know, Brian had addressed earlier, but it is a really important comment that came up around the social trails versus the official trails, pretty much to every single climbing wall is going to be a social trail and if you eliminate that the potential to eliminate incredible amount of climbing exists and that actually is pretty scary to think about. But there's ways to manage it really, really carefully and well and I know that, with the NCA we've done a lot of trail work that organizations, done a lot of trial, where people are willing to put in elbow grease to make sure that there's good trails
Peterson	Ken		46	1	Climbing and bouldering	First, I want to ensure future access to rock climbing in the Calico Basin. I also want to ensure that there is a plan to maintain and develop further rock climbing resources in the Calico Basin area.
Rainsberger	Ray		127	2	Climbing and bouldering	And I hope that the BLM recognizes that it does have a wonderful opportunity because of its, especially in southern Nevada it's close communication with the climbing community that it does have plenty of people that would be willing to volunteer and add efforts to conservation, whether it's through educating the community at large at the you know the visitor Center on the web, whether it's participation impact studies on trails because as. I think was rick earlier pointed out that he does know more accurate trail files or trail map and also climbers access very remote and difficult terrain. That isn't really accessed by anybody else, so I hope that the BLM recognizes that the climbing community at large is also willing to help in the conservation effort, overall.

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Reyling	Jayne		11	1	Climbing and bouldering	One of the repeating events I organize for free is "Jane's Beginner Skills Acquisition and Improvement," to acquaint people interested in rock scrambling with safe practices for what to carry, what to wear, how to evaluate the rock and terrain for safety, and some technical skill information. I demonstrate and explain the techniques of essential rock scrambling skills then give each participant a chance to try it with some coaching and encouragement. I have been organizing this event repeatedly for 5 or 6 years, about 200 repetitions thus far. More than a thousand people. I would like to continue to do this, and also to continue to organize the beginner-level scrambling events to give people new to the sport a slower-paced, carefully selected experience to provide them practice in relative safety. My intention is to make rock scrambling safer for all of us and to cut down on the need for Search and Rescue call-outs. I would like to continue with these events without having to charge the people a fee or obtain permits.
Reyling	Jayne		11	2	Climbing and bouldering	I made the comment during the meeting: Rock Scrambling doesn't usually follow an exact route, my group climbs without ropes over all the sandstone mountains and hills. If you choose to limit access, may some of us be involved in deciding where we may go? David Granston mentioned that some of the others participating in the meeting could take the BLM people involved in this project out scrambling to better understand what we do and where we go and why. I would be happy to do that.
Short	Aaron		66	1	Climbing and bouldering	I would like to see all non official hiking, scrambling, and climbing access routes preserved for use while reducing the social/braided trails. I would like to see the current climbing areas included in the plan and a climbing plan put into place that would allow for new route development, including new fixed anchors through a submittal process. I would like to see the campground expanded.
Hortizuela	Mililani		6	1	Hiking/nature viewing	I am concerned that as recreation at Red Rock continues to grow, the general population remains uneducated on proper outdoor ethics and the valuable resources Red Rock has to offer. Creating trailheads would still not provide valuable interpretive information about the plants and animals that inhabit the area. Once hikers go beyond the trailhead there's still a lack of knowledge on how to find the trails and the importance of staying on the trails. I would love to see more interpretive programs that teach guests about the area and proper hiking techniques. People would love to go on ranger led hikes to learn about the area and it would be nice to see more rangers out on the trails. Without the presence of rangers and information I think people will continue to treat it like the wild west.
Lane	James		8	6	Hiking/nature viewing	I believe it is essential to provide education on trail courtesy among user groups. For example, there were a few instances when my wife and I were hiking the Kraft Mountain Loop when bouldering climbers were blocking the trail with their crash pads and large numbers. This is not the norm, but I think it is important to mention this given the expectation of even greater numbers in the near future. Be it through signage, your website, printed matter or all three, an effort should be made to educate user groups about trail etiquette.
Moorhouse	Scott		10	1	Hiking/nature viewing	I've participated in several local enthusiast groups focused on hiking and scrambling activities that frequently organize group outings in the Red Rock NCA, and primarily Calico Basin. These groups have a positive impact on the community by providing social interaction and recreation. But also they are an important component of educational outreach to the community about hiking etiquette and principles. From these groups, new hikers learn the importance first hand of "leave no trace" and respect for the flora and fauna of the wilderness. In fact, members are recognized when they collect trash others have left in the park, and some organizers even hold specific events for the purpose of collecting some of the most unseemly trash. They do this for free, for the purpose of being good stewards of the land for all to enjoy, without requesting or accepting donations to motivate their cause. Restrictions to access Calico Basin including fee booths and restricted entry and exit times could easily impede the ability of these kinds of groups to hold late afternoon or after work activities, which helps these communities continue to organize events in the sweltering heat of the summertime.
Allen	Sandy		57	2	Mountain biking	I request that the current established regulations regarding bicycles in the Red Rock Canyon Recreation Area be maintained.
Brock McDade	Roxanna		68	8	Mountain biking	I would like mountain biking to be permitted in the area east of Kraft mountain and south of the homes in the area.
Fiato	Sharon		13	3	Mountain biking	Maintain the present regulations regarding bicycles in the Red Rock Canyon Recreation Area. YES! And add more rules such as speed limits and no ear buds in to distract your attention from your surroundings.
Goss	Tina		23	2	Mountain biking	Mountain biking should not be added as an acceptable activity. This will only bring more traffic.
Hanks	Jen		61	1	Mountain biking	I recommend that the Calico Basin trails (that are not within Wilderness boundaries) be officially recognized by the BLM as mountain bike trails. These trails serve multiple needs in our community. They are easily accessible via bike from many neighboring communities which reduces the number of cars on already congested roads such as Highway 159. These trails also serve as connectors to many other neighboring trail networks; also reducing the number of vehicles on roads. Additionally, Calico Basin is one of the few areas in Las Vegas that is beginner-friendly. The trails are utilized weekly by a growing number of Southern Nevada High School Mountain Bike teams.
Hanks	Jen		96	1	Mountain biking	Even though many of these trails are not officially recognized mountain bike trails they're very popular among local mountain bikers; in fact the calico trails are actually some of the only beginner friendly green trails in Las Vegas and they're frequented by the high school mountain bike teams here. So, I support most of these trails being recognized as official mountain bike trails there are definitely some exceptions and those include trails within the wilderness area as that's federal policy.
Harrison	Lisa		39	8	Mountain biking	I think mountain biking has a place in Calico Basin although I do think it should be in a designated area. The existing trails on the east side of Calico Basin and linking to the top of Alta provide great recreation opportunities.
Harrison	Lisa		115	6	Mountain biking	And last if there is a designated area for mountain biking that maybe this is the East side of the calico area like the Little Red rock area

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Headd	Rex		25	1	Mountain biking	The place has definitely suffered from overcrowding and overuse so I see the dilemma and the need for some type of management plan. I am also an avid mountain biker but with the Late Night trail network and Bears Best nearby I don't know if mountain biking access makes sense in this very confined area as well. I would hate to see scrambling and climbing opportunities diminished for those of us who truly cherish this place.
Holloway	Bruce		21	1	Mountain biking	I don't think bike riding in this area is possible. There are way to many people in the area. The roads are not conducive to bike travel. The road entering the area is already too narrow for 2 lanes. A bicycle lane would require a separate lane. You could not stripe a bike lane on existing roads. There are trails every where adding bikes to an existing trail would further the already crowded trails. Erosion would be more of a problem on the trails. They all ready burdened with foot traffic.
Lane	James		8	5	Mountain biking	Please do not relax your policy regarding the prohibition of e-bikes on trails, especially within the Calico Basin Recreation Area. When hiking, it's difficult enough to share trails with mountain bikers when some, but not all, do not maintain an appropriate speed. E-bikes would make this issue even more problematic.
Lewis	Gabe		83	8	Mountain biking	Want to keep Red Rock no mountain biking, there's lots of good biking elsewhere.
Lin	Katja		62	2	Mountain biking	if there is consideration to develop mtn bike trails I would like to see any electronic, motorized or pedal assisted bike eliminated from the area
McDonald	Michael		102	1	Mountain biking	I am commenting on behalf of I'm sure hundreds of present and future Summerlin residents who highly value the calico area as a mountain biking destination. And, especially for beginners as was previously mentioned by Jen Hanks. It's also used as a conduit to access other riding areas throughout the valley, and it was mentioned earlier that we should mention those access points that are that are important. So, I would mention the Stevie wonder trail which you should be able to see on the map that you've provided also the sun trail and the area connection to other riding areas, the two drainage turtles one right near the cattle guard and the other one closer to the entrance to the red rock loop.
Noorani	Adam		45	1	Mountain biking	Hikers, runners, and equestrian riders, all enjoy the trails the same as I do. However, it would seem as use of the Calico Basin area has increased, the likelihood for conflicts and collisions on mixed use trails between different types of trail users has also increased. I also understand that mountain bikers pose a unique risk to other trails users and I am curious what options the Bureau of Land Management has considered to reduce the risk of conflict and collision within the Calico Basin. One possible solution may be partnering with organizations such as the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) to construct trails mountain bike only directional specific trails separate from the existing trail network. Specifically, these trails could be built in the area to the north-east behind Kraft Mountain. Overall, there are very few trails in that area, and it is already separate from the main trail network within the Calico Basin Area. Building bike-only trails in this area would ensure continued access to the beautiful land and scenery within Calico Basin, while also mitigating any risks that come from having a shared space. I understand that quartering trails off from certain trail users may be unpopular, but to me this seems to be an issue of safety. Just as a cyclist on a sidewalk can pose a risk to a pedestrian, so can a mountain biker on a hiking trail. By designating an area where each trail user can recreate safely, the risk of trail conflict can be decreased and the enjoyment of the trails within Calico Basin can be increased.
Ring	Cam		128	2	Mountain biking	My other comment would be that I would personally like to have mountain biking be allowed in the Calico Basin, maybe not on every trail maybe just on some trails. Obviously, like not the trail to the Kraft boulders but you know for my home, I can bike up Alta and be on a whole network of trails that does enter Calico Basin, and I would like the freedom to be able to do that without oops I have to turn around now because I'm on this trail that's technically, not allowed for mountain biking even though really you only ever see mountain bikers on them.
Ahmad	Taimur	Access Fund	60	2	Public access	Additional free and legal dispersed camping options within Cottonwood Valley would be a major benefit. At the moment, there is very little camping available in the NCA and the dispersed camping in Cottonwood Valley cannot be accessed because Las Vegas Metro closed the access road. We believe that Cottonwood Valley could be a place suitable for free dispersed camping for climbers and other users and are more than happy to assist the BLM in finding the right locations for this use.
Brock McDade	Roxanna		68	10	Public access	13. Please have clearer boundaries between private and public lands. 14 Please consider adding better access and parking for brownstone canyon to better disperse the Calico user groups.
Cthejelsuud	Hususkemd		34	4	Public access	I also think it would be a good idea for the BLM to have a greater educational presence in the area. Visitors could be made more aware of Leave No Trace ethics by increased signage and ranger patrolling (as examples)
Dorfman	Tamar		71	1	Public access	The value of having access to Calico Basin after sunset cannot be overstated. Ideally, rock climbing and hiking would be permitted in Calico Basin 24/7. The beauty of the outdoors is that it is always available. Nothing ruins a good sunset like having to rush back early because the area closes at dusk. In addition, nighttime walks are a great way to become present and find a moment of calm in a chaotic world. Given that the Scenic Drive is completely closed between sunset and sunrise, Calico basin is the primary option for those looking to recreate and rock climb after dark. Prohibiting recreation in Calico Basin after dark, combined with the current hours for the Scenic Drive, would be a huge disservice to the public and significantly decrease the value of Red Rocks as a destination.
Foley	Pete		4	4	Public access	The rationale I often see is for this reduction in access to public lands is that because of Covid19, more people are using the outdoors, and that is putting additional strain on our natural environment, especially via increased littering and vandalism. We've all seen this, and it is a problem. But it's also an opportunity. These are problems that result directly from people who are new to the outdoors, and are not educated around how to interact with it. Covid19 has therefore given us an unprecedented opportunity to reach people who wouldn't have otherwise enjoyed public lands. Instead of building walls to keep people out of their own public lands, spend the money on putting more rangers at trail heads. Have them engage and educate those who are exploring nature for the first time because of Covid. Don't lock people out of their lands, especially those who have the least access to them

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Foley	Pete		4	1	Public access	People care less about what they cannot engage with. Restricting access will inevitably reduce engagement with the environment, especially amongst casual and potential outdoor enthusiasts. The more difficult you make it to access the outdoors, the more you restrict it to a dedicated elite. That elite is already passionate about the environment, but if we are to protect the environment in the long term, we need to engage and educate more people who are on the fence, and bring new people in. Instead, we are building walls to keep them out of nature, and in the long-term, that is fatal for environmental awareness, and hence our planet.
Friesen	Bryan		38	4	Public access	I agree that there is significant environmental degradation taking place in Calico Basin. I disagree that the proper approach to solving this problem is through creating barriers. The proactive approach to protecting the area's natural resources is through education. I understand this is a more challenging approach to solving the issues facing Calico Basin, but as a teacher, I know that proper education of leave no trace principals will create a larger impact over time.
Friesen	Bryan		113	3	Public access	I think, a huge issue is a lot of people that visit Calico Basin aren't educated about leave no trace, so I think a great thing for the area would be to really push to educate people on leave no trace and the importance of packing out trash and waste and making that a front and center issue a lot of the trail heads all right
Harrison	Lisa		115	4	Public access	Seems like every time I'm out there there's photo shoots in the meadow, there's trash, there's drone usage. There's waste everywhere so more public education would be nice, as well as trails that are existing to have more defined barriers on them to prevent the widening of trails which I see happening.
Heacock	Ashley		24	3	Public access	I think that the night access should be allowed for those people who are regulars or have applied for night access.
Heacock	Ashley		24	4	Public access	I also feel that maybe there needs to be more community education on what we can do to help reduce our impact on the area, I feel that not a lot of people know how delicate the desert environment is. I went to elementary school out here when I was younger and I do remember there was this lady who came in and talked to us at our school, she brought in and educated us on the desert tortoise and how the desert ecosystem is very delicate she talked about Redrock and how it is a conservation area, but as I got older there were no more programs like this. I feel like if we can get out into the schools and reach the older ages and let them know the importance of outdoor etiquette, we will be able see some more mindfulness from the community.
Hegyey	John		97	5	Public access	People were encouraged by health authorities to get outside to stay healthy and also there's been a lot of widespread unemployment, but once these lockdowns and visitation I think will return to normal, so I don't feel it's right to make a sudden major changes, based on this temporary situation
Hegyey	John		116	2	Public access	We all know that the visitation at red rock has increased substantially over the past year and I think we all know the reason why and due to the lockdowns and the virus there's many more unemployed people and people working from home the universities are online the classes are as well. And so obviously there's going to be more people outdoors because we all know, we're told it's safer to be outdoors because of social distancing and so there's a massive increase of people in red rock and ideally, it appears, like in the future, the amount of people will decrease when the pandemic goes away so I feel like the BLM is using the excuse of the pandemic for passing rules and regulations that take away our unfettered access to public lands and I think the residents will benefit standard benefit a great deal by having a de facto gated community and that's just really sad to see as well.
Hendrix	Leici	Southern Nevada Climbers Association	60	2	Public access	Additional free and legal dispersed camping options within Cottonwood Valley would be a major benefit. At the moment, there is very little camping available in the NCA and the dispersed camping in Cottonwood Valley cannot be accessed because Las Vegas Metro closed the access road. We believe that Cottonwood Valley could be a place suitable for free dispersed camping for climbers and other users and are more than happy to assist the BLM in finding the right locations for this use.
Jordan	Jorge		26	1	Public access	A large amount of our members would love to have the access improved to the area in ways that not only disperse impact, but reduce conflict among the local residents. One major way this could happen is to greatly improve access from the east / brownstone canyon.
Kahne	Manny		75	1	Public access	Given that the Scenic Drive is completely closed between sunset and sunrise, Calico basin is the primary option for those looking to recreate and rock climb after dark. Prohibiting recreation in Calico Basin after dark, combined with the current hours for the Scenic Drive, would be a huge disservice to the public and significantly decrease the value of Red Rocks as a destination. Finally, providing night access to Calico Basin has environmental benefits. By expanding the possible hours that one can rock climb, the timing of visitation will be more dispersed and ultimately less people will congregate at one climbing area at one time. This will make it more possible to keep impact zones from expanding and harming the local environment.
Kahne	Manny		119	2	Public access	So, if you look at like the monkey bar boulder, for example, of the craft boulders you know if they're 20 or 25 people there during the day, which sometimes happens now, the you know the impact of just like the environment around that boulder is just going to be bigger and bigger and bigger and so by allowing access to these areas after sunset or at night, then you can spread out when climbers are going there, and you can just kind of slow the spreading of these negative environmental impacts
Kahne	Joseph		74	1	Public access	The Calico Basin belongs to everyone and there is great value to having access after sunset. Ideally, rock climbing and hiking would be permitted in Calico Basin 24/7. The beauty of the outdoors is that it is always available. Currently, the Scenic Drive is completely closed between sunset and sunrise. Thus, Calico basin is the primary option for those looking to recreate and rock climb after dark. Prohibiting recreation in Calico Basin after dark, combined with the current hours for the Scenic Drive, would be a huge disservice to the public and significantly decrease the value of Red Rocks as a destination.

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Kahne	Manny		75	2	Public access	In my experience those who chose to recreate at night, especially those who climb at night, tend to be quite experienced and acutely aware of outdoor etiquette. I cannot imagine that those recreating at night will be playing loud music, causing noise pollution, or disturbing residents in any way. The number of people recreating at night will be smaller than the number of daytime visitors to Calico Basin and thus I believe impact on residents is manageable. If 24/7 access is not possible then simply allowing people to recreate several hours after dark, maybe until 10pm or 11pm (11pm is the start of "quiet hours" in many circumstances) would still be of huge benefit.
Kahne	Manny		119	1	Public access	it would be tremendously valuable to the climbing Community if the management plan included access to the Calico Basin area at night or, at least during some hours after sunset and there are two reasons for this first, is that the climbing experience at night can be much better than during the day, because the conditions are a lot better so like me, personally, I like climbing at night, it's like 45 degrees. And that doesn't happen very much in the Colorado basin area so climbing at night is a huge advantage also you can just be alone and find more solitude in nature, which I think is something that we can all appreciate.
Kelly	Judy		63	1	Public access	STOP ADVERTISING AND ENCOURAGING OUT-OF-TOWNERS AND STRIP VISITORS. Promoting Red Rock the past few years has partially contributed to the influx of way too many visitors.
Kotab	Thomas		99	2	Public access	I wanted to ask for more, not a day use but night use, for people who can't go during the nine to five when it's normally open or even in queues call it, I don't mean overnight use our camping, but I do mean even in queues when the majority of people are free to go on an evening hiker scramble.
Lehman	Jessy		120	3	Public access	leave no trace education, I think, is really important, in that can definitely be improved.
Lehman	Jessy		120	2	Public access	I definitely think we need to have we need to have night access, you know, like some other people pointed out here to go, whether it's night trail running or you know late exit pass for climbing um you know I think access to the area at night is definitely needed.
Raulerson	Curtis		52	2	Public access	Make a better effort to teach the public and new "Covid hikers" about proper outdoor etiquette and leave no trace. Making access more difficult and charging more money like you did with Red Rock is not the answer.
Reyling	Jayne		11	5	Public access	There are too many people in Calico Basin since the Conservation Area limits access so completely. We expected that when the decision to start the reservation system was announced. Perhaps a different solution could be found. Are there more possible access points that might be developed to spread out the users? My group and most of the other hiking groups primarily start in Calico Basin because we don't want to drive that 13-mile loop out just because we went in. We hike up and over the mountains to whatever we want to reach on the fee side in the Calico 1, 2 and Sandstone Quarry areas.
Sellmann	Susan		14	6	Public access	Put educational programs on social media and in the school districts. Elementary schools especially. Educate on how fragile the desert is and how important it is to respect the desert the wildlife and to stay on trails.
Szabo	Thomas		31	1	Public access	I'm aware that recreational use of this area has been climbing annually and that this is having devastating effects upon flora and fauna. 2020 may have been exceptional due to the new reservation system in RRCA and COVID-19. I would prefer we wait a year and revisit the matter after COVID has been contained and the public has gotten used to the RRCA reservation system.
Uma Fry	Demetria		69	1	Public access	I strongly support having night access to Calico Basin as it increases opportunities for recreational activities and decreases environmental harm.
Wheeler	Keith		110	2	Public access	We have to remember that public access isn't the most important aspect of the BLM and the country in the conservation area, protecting the public lands has to be foremost and if it means limiting access that means limiting numbers of people. If you if you overuse an area it will not be there for the future generations, and so, with that in mind, I know that that'll be waiting as part of your RFP, but we need to make sure that we reach out to the public better and make sure that they understand that any limiting is because I want my grandchildren to be able to use it.
Wood	Adam		67	3	Public access	The reason this area has become overcrowded is the pandemic which forced people out of work and shut down the entire economy who had nothing better to do going outdoors more. The same thing has happened all throughout the world outdoor spaces have seen vastly increased visitation. To make permanent changes to Calico Basin entry due to a temporary pandemic situation does not make sense.
Yee	Irene		32	2	Public access	I would like to reiterate the need for education in the Calico Basin area. With the new reservation system, it seems a lot of newer folks are enjoying the surrounding areas of the RRCNCA (including Calico Basin) yet have almost NO ACCESS TO EDUCATION about the space. The visitor center being only available to those inside the scenic loop. This has led to an up-tick in trash, graffiti, and dog waste, which as a volunteer for Friends of Red Rock am personally getting to see/clean-up. I also echo the comment that these signs should be in multiple languages.
Allen	John		93	2	Equestrian use	I'll include that are the biggest thing would be information, education, on how to interact with horses on the trail.
Brock McDade	Roxanna		68	9	Equestrian use	I would like horses have to wear bags for their excrement while being exercised in Calico Basin. I really hate seeing poo of any kind out there and it seems unfair to ask dog owners to clean up, when horse owners do not.
Fabry	Lauren		64	3	Equestrian use	Residential horse farm(s) in Calico Basin including Calico Creek Stables now account for the majority of horse traffic, and trample BLM land making new "trails" at will. There are now forty boarders and many do not care about the law. Use fees could mitigate hoof damage, and pick up horse manure as it is all over the place. Calico Basin smells like urine on warm rainy days. Calico Creek Stables is a business profiting from BLM land. Boarders are not guests of residents, they are customers that pay monthly fee. These boarders also end up on privatized Calico Drive, wandering everywhere.
Hempel	Dwight		5	11	Equestrian use	Equestrian Trails: Calico Creek Stables is a commercial boarding operation. Additionally, [names withheld] , and the Backcountry Horsemen organization are or have been the major trail riders in the Basin. These are historic uses that should be protected.

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Malik	Edward		65	2	Equestrian use	Address how clients of the commercial horse operations in the canyon will be treated.
Wheeler	Keith		109	1	Equestrian use	With that in mind, with the BLM working with the Clark county right now that about the only place that you can park and use as an equestrian trail system is to park alongside the access road. If BLM and the county decide that they want to put in a fee section and they actually closed parking on the sides of the road? BLM has a history of not providing adequate parking for horses and horse trailers, where we can safely unload our horses and using, basically what happens is BLM says yep this is open to horses, you can right here, but they don't give us a place to park. If you don't give us a place to park enhanced safe access it's the same thing as closed to horses. So please keep that in mind when you're trying to grow up there if you're going to allow equestrian use, you have to provide someone first to park and you can't say hey go in the big parking lot where everybody else's inundating the air and because we, when we try to park in a standard parking area we get blocked in my all the cars we can't do that
Jordan	Jorge		27	2	Other Laws	In determining the fee system to implement in Red Rock areas, is BLM constrained by the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA 16 U.S.C. 6801-6814). Or is it exempt because it is a Conservation Area?
Swanson	Steve		48	1	Other Laws	Another of my favorite climbing areas, Red River Gorge in Kentucky, is going through a similar re-evaluation of access due to increased popularity. See https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/dbnfh/home/?cid=fseprd835667 In their case, they had some previous plan which set up "Limits of Acceptable Change". This document from 10+ years ago triggered the current call for action. Will a RAMP for Calico Basin include such a document/analysis? I first visited Red Rocks around 1990 and many things have changed since then. It's unreasonable to think that change won't continue and I think it's valuable to think about what aspects of Red Rocks need to be preserved. It seems like the LOAC encapsulates this.
Daboda	Darren	THPO - Moapa Band of Paiutes	132	1	Cultural and Paleontological Resources	Would like to see BLM's Fire Plan when handling culture resources (caves, petroglyphs, artifacts)
Daboda	Darren	THPO - Moapa Band of Paiutes	132	5	Cultural and Paleontological Resources	Would like to continue Trust Responsibility with the tribe to be informed about any cultural issues at BLM sites.
Lane	James		8	4	Cultural and Paleontological Resources	Regarding the La Madre Mountain Wilderness, I was initially prepared to advocate for easier access to Brownstone Canyon given the intimidating state of affairs with the Summerlin master plan. It has been 20 years since I last visited Brownstone Canyon, and I was astonished at the quality of the polychrome pictographs. However, after hearing about the projected visitation numbers I truly wonder how Brownstone Canyon can be protected if access is greatly enhanced. Ironically Summerlin may be shielding Brownstone Canyon from potential degradation of its cultural sites resulting from increased visitation (e.g., pictographs are much less resilient to graffiti than petroglyphs). The point is that without important safeguards in place I am divided about providing more access to Brownstone Canyon.
Palermo	Grace	Friends of Nevada Wilderness	85	2	Cultural and Paleontological Resources	We believe that this plan, particularly anything that would affect Brownstone Basin, should be developed in conjunction with Native tribes at all steps, going beyond what is frequently done in a consultation. We would like to see Native land acknowledgement in interpretation materials or facilities that are developed.
Palermo	Grace	Friends of Nevada Wilderness	85	3	Cultural and Paleontological Resources	Protecting the delicate cultural resources in Brownstone Basin must be prioritized and we urge you not to improve access to this area. Designating a trail, building a trailhead or other amenities, or even advertising this site is likely to lead to cultural resource damage. Graffiti and similar damage is an issue throughout the areas of Red Rock Canyon that are easily accessed from the Scenic Loop. Similar issues have increased at Sloan Canyon since the access road, parking lot, and visitor contact station were put in place. Other cultural resources in Calico Basin must also be protected. We have seen users bouldering on petroglyph sides on the northeast side of Kraft Mountain, potentially causing permanent damage to these critical resources.
Lane	James		8	1	Soils and Geologic Resources	While attending the March 11th meeting, I was astonished by a few responses that felt the BLM had gone too far toward the conservation side of its mandate, and not emphasized recreation access enough. I wholeheartedly disagree. If anything, I believe the BLM has been more than accommodating to recreationists, especially within the Calico Basin Recreational Area, almost to the detriment of the natural resources. But we are missing the point if we are discussing the past or current state of affairs. The underlying premise of the RAMP/EA is to plan for future use given the booming visitation projections and the resulting impacts thereof. The latter is particularly worrisome given the fact that RRCNCA is a de facto city park given its proximity to an expanding metropolis. However, it does not have an infinite capacity to absorb more users without a serious degradation of the resource. One contributor to the meeting felt that some attendees were putting too much emphasis on the conservation side of the equation saying, and I paraphrase, "the rocks will always be there." I disagree. The "rocks" in their present state and surrounding Ash and Red Spring meadows will not "always be there", but rather be seriously compromised unless appropriate measures are taken to insure their integrity and survival for current and future generations.

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Hempel	Dwight		5	13	Riparian	9. Ash Springs/Ash Meadows: BLM a. Basic goal: Protect riparian habitat and enhance visitor enjoyment. b. Problems to be address: (1) Remove man-made intrusions, which will remove a major graffiti location. (2) Destruction of riparian habitat. c. Possible solutions: Riparian habitat in the NCA is a precious commodity and should be protected. I recommend "developing" Ash Springs/Ash Meadows in a manner similar to Red Springs, with: -- a log fence surrounding the riparian area, -- a boardwalk, with interpretive signs, or "no access" in the most sensitive areas, -- by-pass trails on the North and South sides of the riparian area, and -- a picnic area, with outhouses, in the already disturbed area where the foundation is located. Using the foundation area, would help minimize intrusion into the riparian area. There is power to this area and the existing road could be used for maintenance access. Recommend no public parking at the picnic area.
Lane	James		8	2	Riparian	Please consider a boardwalk in the Ash Spring meadow area. It would help prevent soil compaction and preserve the hydrology. There are far too many social or use trails here. The Red Spring boardwalk was very successful at rejuvenating a meadow that had been used for soccer and football for many years.
Palermo	Grace	Friends of Nevada Wilderness	85	9	Riparian	We appreciate what you have done to protect the water and riparian area of Red Springs, but are concerned about the condition of Ash Spring. Ash Spring is filled with braided trails, some of which go right through the water and cause habitat degradation. These springs are important habitat for a variety of species, including amphipods and spring snails. We encourage you to find a long-term solution to protecting Ash Spring. We also encourage you to continue the great spring monitoring going on at these sites.
Palermo	Grace	Friends of Nevada Wilderness	85	10	Wildlife (general)	Calico Basin has already lost a lot of its cliff nesting raptors because of the very heavy use all over cliff areas. We encourage you to restrict climbing and scrambling during nesting times, and to strictly enforce these measures.
Reyling	Jane		104	1	Wildlife (general)	I noticed that, among the other concerns what we did not mention yet is the native animals. I would like to make sure that the plan include some protection for the animals that are native. There, there are so many pet dogs that are running about on and off leash is that I think it disrupts the habitat and the peace of mind for the native creatures, to the in the basin.
Hempel	Dwight		5	17	Invasive and non-native plants	14. Tamarisk [Salt Cedar] wind break: County/BLM [Note: I'm only commenting on this issue because it came up during the webinar.] a. Basic issues: Safety and ecology. b. Problem to be addressed: There is a hedge of large Tamarisk (Salt Cedar) on private property at the corner of Joylin Ave and Calico Basin Rd. This provides a much needed windbreak for the private property. County—sight distance for traffic on Joylin approaching Calico Basin Rd from the south is severely limited. The view to the west on Calico Basin road to watch for approaching traffic coming from Red Springs in blocked by the hedge, until the front of your vehicle is almost into the Calico Basin travel lane. BLM—Salt Cedar is an invasive species which BLM is trying to keep out of the NCA. This major hedge of Salt Cedar is spreading large amounts of seed throughout the southern portion of Calico Basin. c. Possible solution: The County and BLM should work with the land owner to remove the Salt Cedar hedge and replace it with another vegetative hedge of the same effectiveness and at no cost to the property owner. At the corner, the hedge needs to be aligned to allow a better view of traffic approaching on Calico Basin Road. The safety benefit and the benefit of removing a major source of Salt Cedar seed production/dispersion will far outweigh any cost the County and BLM may incur for this action.
Stockman	Harlan		20	2	Invasive and non-native plants	The most serious non-native plant is cheatgrass, and there is absolutely no way you can fix that issue. Cheatgrass abundance is not going to be altered in the least by shoe brushes, and no one would use them anyway.
Lane	James		8	3	Wilderness Areas	Given that the Calico Basin RAMP/EA includes a section of the La Madre Mountain Wilderness (confusingly in my opinion), I believe concerted efforts must be made by the BLM and others to educate recreationists about the increased level of protection these areas entail, especially as it pertains to mountain biking. Having a section of wilderness embedded within the greater Calico Basin Recreation Area could make mountain biking prohibition boundaries problematic.
Wilder	John		15	2	Wilderness Areas	please make sure that any wilderness plans in place remain so throughout the area so the rules remain the same and users don't have to learn three sets for one area
Friesen	Bryan		38	5	Visual Resources Management	Finally, there does need to be some restrictions concerning the abhorrent mansions recently constructed in the area. In no way have the individuals building these homes considered the impact they are creating on the fragile desert ecosystem. I would love to see the BLM and community partner work with Clark County leaders to establish regulations that would limit the size of new construction and require home designs that fit more seamlessly into the desert landscape.
Terem	Theresa		55	1	Visual Resources Management	In the last 2 yrs, there has been increased building of large houses on the road leading to Kraft mtn. These detract from the natural beauty of the area, manifest by a basketball court for example. Why is there not a moratorium on this type of development which is a blight on the view and pristine landscape?
Jones	Jason		118	5	Noise	I also support enforcing the Code of Federal Regulations at 360 5.16 which I believe bans music in that area it's a conservation area, not a disco tech.
Ahmad	Taimur	Access Fund	60	8	Socioeconomics	We urge the BLM to work with the local community to advance inclusive and equitable access to Calico Basin, Cottonwood Valley, and Red Rock Canyon at large. It is well documented that people of color often use outdoors spaces at lower rates than their white peers. In addition, people from other marginalized communities, such as the LGBTQ and differently abled communities, can face additional challenges to getting out on public lands. As an outstanding natural area located in a densely populated and diverse community, Red Rock Canyon should be accessible to people from a true diversity of backgrounds. Access Fund has staff dedicated to JEDI issues, and is more than willing to offer our time and resources to assist the BLM in applying JEDI principles to their lands in southern Nevada and beyond.

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Cthejelsuud	Hususkemd		34	1	Socioeconomics	And (2)unlike other proposed changes, the introduction of fees and hours will unfairly impact visitors of lower socioeconomic status, or who have to work certain hours of the day. I would like to see a project which focuses more on addressing the root causes of human impacts, rather than just trying to banish humans altogether.
Dorfman	Tamar		71	2	Socioeconomics	I am vehemently opposed to any sort of fee system at Calico basin. We like to think of the outdoors as a level playing field. After all, nature doesn't care about our race, gender identity, or socioeconomic background. However, a quick look around at the climbing gym, in REI, or in national parks and conservation areas, reveals that the slogan "the outdoors are for everyone" is more of an ideal than a reality. Implementing a fee system would only make access to the outdoors more inequitable.
Foley	Pete		4	2	Socioeconomics	By adding cost and access restrictions, you are selectively reducing access to nature for the underserved. Calico is currently the low cost alternative to Red Rock for locals who cannot afford to pay entrance fees. Making it a fee area selectively blocks the most underserved demographic in our community from public lands. Worse, a reservation system adds additional barriers, as it requires people on tight budgets to plan and prioritize recreation in advance. That is a luxury those who are struggling don't have
Hegyess	John		97	2	Socioeconomics	It's also clear to me that such a large new development would only serve to attract more people creating more problems rather than solving anything we are facing right now, if a reservation system is imposed on Calico Basin, and this would disenfranchise people that have no credit card or Internet. There are people out there, whose lives could be changed for the better with just a little access to our public lands and they could be essentially locked out with the imposition of a reservation system.
Hendrix	Leici	Southern Nevada Climbers Association	60	8	Socioeconomics	We urge the BLM to work with the local community to advance inclusive and equitable access to Calico Basin, Cottonwood Valley, and Red Rock Canyon at large. It is well documented that people of color often use outdoors spaces at lower rates than their white peers. In addition, people from other marginalized communities, such as the LGBTQ and differently abled communities, can face additional challenges to getting out on public lands. As an outstanding natural area located in a densely populated and diverse community, Red Rock Canyon should be accessible to people from a true diversity of backgrounds. Access Fund has staff dedicated to JEDI issues, and is more than willing to offer our time and resources to assist the BLM in applying JEDI principles to their lands in southern Nevada and beyond.
Kahne	Joseph		74	2	Socioeconomics	The Calico Basin should remain free. We like to think of the outdoors as a level playing field. Implementing a fee system would only make access to the outdoors inequitable—we shouldn't do this at a time when we are trying to expand access to these spots to groups that currently don't use them.
Luneau	Taylor	American Alpine Club	76	6	Socioeconomics	Finally, if the BLM decides to implement a fee structure and reservation system, we request to participate in this discussion. A fee structure or reservation system can create unintended barriers to entry for climbers and all users of this space. The AAC believes that all communities should have equitable access to the outdoors and a fee system may unintentionally prohibit local residents from accessing this outdoor resource due to the cost of entry. As an important outdoor destination located in close proximity to the Las Vegas metro area, we feel a critical justice, equity, diversity and inclusion (JEDI) lens must be applied to this land management decision.
McMillon	Joel		44	2	Socioeconomics	Adding fees for park entry may help to reduce impact, but you are inherently discriminating on a socioeconomic basis. I love solitude in the wilderness but I also recognize that I have no more right to be there than anyone else.
Schicker	Jennifer		130	1	Socioeconomics	My main concern is going out to Calico Basin I just see so many families out there who have obviously decided to just go and have a nice day with their kids. And I'm very concerned that, if a fee structure was added to Calico Basin that a lot of people might be priced out of being able to have that nice little escape with their family and with their kids, and so I think it makes a lot of sense to charge the fee for the scenic loop. But I want to stress, I think it makes, I think that Calico Basin should be kept fee free partially, because it is so close to the city and so let's keep that nice and accessible for everybody, so that people can get out there and not have to be able to plan ahead and make sure that we're not pricing nature, out of reach and not making it difficult to access.
Short	Aaron		66	3	Socioeconomics	I do not want to pay taxes for roads that will be gate off access to public lands while benefiting the few residents of calico. This plan would hurt local low income residents the most while benefiting the well off residents of calico basin.
Yee	Irene		32	3	Socioeconomics	Though I agree with a managed plan for the area, a fee based system prices out underserved communities, as well as forcing them to have wifi and credit card access. Because bouldering is one of the lowest cost climbing activities, it is more accessible for minority groups to participate in. With Kraft Boulders becoming a fee area, you are adding to the cost barrier that constantly faces the Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) from being able to recreate in the outdoors.
Hempel	Dwight		5	9	Landownership	6. Encroachment from Summerlin subdivisions: BLM a. Basic goals: Control visitor access from subdivisions adjacent to RRC NCA. b. Problem to be addressed: The boundary between the RRC NCA and the Summerlin new housing developments to the east is becoming an issue. The closer the homes come to the NCA boundary, the more use of the NCA from the east we are seeing along the powerline road and other access points for both hikers and OHVs and the possible use of OHVs in the wilderness areas. c. Possible solutions: This RAMP needs to address marking the NCA boundary and getting information out to the subdivision's residents about use of the NCA. Realistically, law-abiding residents will observe the boundary and follow the instructions on the signs. The anti-government folks will ignore them. Therefore, the least intrusive method of marking the boundary may be preferred, that is a two- or three-strand plain-wire fence with small "Red Rock Canyon NCA Boundary" signs every 100' might be appropriate. Coordinating trails through the fence and trailheads with Summerlin will go a long way toward controlling access. This would be a win/win for the NCA and the developers. Signs would indicate allowable uses on the trails.

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Hempel	Dwight		87	2	Landownership	I would like to point out that on your map that you show the private lands to the east in Summerlin which could be developed are moving closer and closer to the NCA boundary and, eventually, you may have residential houses within a quarter mile of the wilderness area. You need to include consideration of how to mark the NCA boundary and how to educate those residents over there, as to what is allowed and what is not allowed.
Hempel	Dwight		5	16	Landownership	13. Girl Scout parcel: BLM I think this 30- acre parcel is a R&PP Act patent. This parcel is important to the integrity of the visitor experience in Calico Basin. Major development on this property would have a major negative impact of the visual resources of the Basin and trail use. I think only one Girl Scout event has been held on this property in the past 10 years. BLM should acquire this parcel, either for non-use under the R&PP Act or acquisition using SNPLMA of LWCF funding.
Kelly	Judy		63	4	Landownership	Consider purchasing Little Red Rock land from Howard Hughes Corp. to provide a buffer from Summerlin development
Robertson	Brittaney		86	4	Landownership	It also appears that the BLM is using incorrect information, reporting on the Recreational Area Management Plan page that there are only approximately 25 privately held parcels within the Calico Basin area, when there are in fact, close to 60 privately owned parcels totaling a significant amount of acreage. This amount used to be higher, before some sellbacks occurred to the BLM within the last 10-20 years. We also did not used to be enveloped by Red Rock NCA, it was not until the BLM did a land-swap with the Howard Hughes Corporation back in the 1990's that we became an in-holding.
Urioste	Joanne		49	1	Landownership	I like your ideas of clarifying trails to eliminate the braiding, and also clarifying where private property boundaries actually exist. I notice that some landowners post signs implying that certain roads are private, when in reality, they are Clark County roads. This has been going on for decades. Rocks have been piled on certain easements that belong to Clark County, not to the homes adjacent to the rocks. I would like to see signs posted that limit homeowners' rights to the actual boundaries that are legally theirs.

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