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I just wanted to update everyone. I received word today that our national office of Law Enforcement and Security has determined that since the BLM does not have a policy or certifications related to rock climbing or rappelling that law enforcement officers will not be allowed to participate in any investigation of damage or looting of archaeological sites if it would include any rock climbing or rappelling to get to that site. I know the looting and disturbing of archaeological sites is a priority for the state archaeologists but until further notice it is out of my hands. Maybe in the next few years the issue can be resolved.

I'm sorry for the short notice and appreciate everyone's efforts in preparing and working toward the site visits.

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Just to be completely clear, this means we're not going next week. Correct?
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Thanks. Too bad, it was going to be awesome.
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'Ex. 6 and 7(C)' this is very bad news. I wish the higher ups new how safe your rappels are, but I guess they need to be thinking of those who aren't so safe. My quick Google search found a number of organizations that certify rock climbing instructors. The one I'm sort of familiar with is the Boy Scouts of America Instructor Certification. So if the BSA can get comfortable with sending 11-year old scouts down cliffs, we should also be able to get to a point where the WO feels comfortable too. Let me know if we can support an effort to select a certification method. This won't be the last time we need to do a rappel to a cliff side site.

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One more thought. I had a NPS friend who worked on Yosemite National Park's Search and Rescue/Climbing Team. Looking at the NPS approval system may be a good place to start.
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