1. Examine the repository’s policies & procedures
   1. ~~Why did you choose this repository?~~
      1. ~~I wanted a repository with a user population most similar to the goal end user of my data. This means finding a repository that is used by the climbing community. Thus, my repository needs are unique from the average academic data repository needs. I chose OpenBeta in the end because it has an open data policy, and it is used by the climbing community to research and locate climbing routes. It was important to me to maintain a high level of visibility and accessibility in my selection.~~
   2. ~~Is the repository open for data submissions from anybody, or does it have a defined collection scope?~~
      1. ~~Anyone can submit data, however, the data that is submitted must be relevant to the collection scope -- climbing.~~ It is an open data repository meaning that anyone can contribute, and anyone can use the stored data~~. In order to contribute to the repository, however, the contributor does need to go through the minimum threshold of downloading and accessing the platform OpenTacos which is used for data submission.~~
   3. ~~If the repository is closed to general submissions,~~
      1. ~~Describe the collection scope (where the data comes from), and who is eligible to contribute data.~~
   4. If the repository is open for submissions,
      1. What data will the repository accept, e.g. are there any stated limits to what can be deposited? Comment on any limits related to data types (e.g. observational, simulation, etc), domain (biology, social science, etc), or file formats.
         1. ~~JSON, CSV, and Python pickle files are all acceptable formats for data submission and conversely the data stored in OpenBeta can all be accessed in any of these three formats. The official style guide for the data is still a work in progress, however, the data must be substantiated observational and/or experiential data within the domain of outdoor recreation/climbing. There is guidance on the data and metadata that should be submitted, however, since the repository is working to fill gaps in on the ground knowledge for climbers there is a “more is more” mind set around unstructured data pertaining to route location, description, and beta (i.e. guidance on how to successfully perform the climb). Metadata for grade (climb difficulty) and area/region (latitude and longitude) is standardized for searchability and useability.~~
      2. What guidance does the repository provide to a potential data submitter as to what should be in the “Submission Information Package” (SIP)\*?
         1. ~~While, as mentioned previously, the style guide for the data is still a work in progress, OpenBeta does provide what is essentially a Submission Information Package (SIP) to those looking to contribute to the repository. This includes information on climb grading evaluation to help determine the difficulty rating to be applied to climbs in the data set; a manual on how to use the data submission platform, OpenTacos; and expectations around data submission, including describing the nature of open-source data so that the data contributor has full transparency on how the data they add to the repository may be used/accessed by others.~~
      3. Does the repository provide any human assistance or consulting to the submitter?
         1. ~~There is a team of volunteers able to assist in the submission process. This team can be accessed through the support line email provided on the site. However, working with a volunteer for the repository in real-time may prove to be difficult given the ad hoc manner of the volunteer positions and repository maintenance. In order to supplement this human assistance, OpenBeta also maintains a GitHub page that includes instructional materials on submission processes and protocol as well as examples of how to apply the OpenBeta standards to datasets as needed.~~
      4. Does the repository require metadata to be submitted in any specific structure, or according to any specific standard?
         1. ~~OpenBeta requires that data be submitted to the repository through the OpenTacos platform. It also requires a specific file format for bulk data upload. The required formats are JSON, CSV, or Python pickle files. Directions on how to convert your data set into one of these three formats is provided by the repository.~~
   5. Examine the repository’s data access mechanisms
      1. ~~Is a login required to download data? If so, what is the process for creating a login?~~
         1. ~~There is no barrier to data access. As an open data platform all data stored in the repository is readily accessible, without account creation, ownership, or login. A login is required for data submission.~~
      2. Is more than one access mechanism provided? E.g. direct file download, database query, automated script, etc)
         1. ~~There are several methods of access on OpenBeta. The one that likely experiences the highest level of user interface is the database query set up on the OpenBeta home page. This allows to search for climbs or areas across the repository and access data that contains those key words or tags. Alternatively, direct file download is available by navigating to OpenBeta’s GitHub page.~~
      3. Does the repository display metadata using any specific metadata standard?
         1. ~~No~~
      4. What is included in this repository’s “Dissemination Information Package” (DIP)\*?
         1. ~~The OpenBeta repository is an open data repository and thus provides a minimal dissemination information package. This is due to the fact that all data placed in the repository is open for dissemination, sharing, and use by anyone who accesses the OpenBeta site.~~