**Turn-Around Checklist for Climbers on Liberty Ridge**

*Score Range: 0 - 20 (higher score indicates a stronger need to consider turning around)*

1. **Weather Conditions & Visibility (0 - 5 points)**
   * Clear weather, stable conditions, and good visibility (0 points)
   * Moderate weather change, partial cloud cover, or minor visibility reduction (2 points)
   * Deteriorating weather, high winds, or whiteout conditions (4 points)
   * Severe weather, storm, extreme winds, or zero visibility (5 points)
2. **Climbing Pace, Time of Day, and Route Familiarity (0 - 5 points)**
   * On schedule or ahead of planned pace with ample daylight and familiar route (0 points)
   * Slightly behind planned pace, limited daylight, or unfamiliar/challenging navigation conditions (2 points)
   * Significantly behind planned pace, nearing darkness, or difficult navigation (4 points)
   * Extremely slow pace, unable to make progress, or darkness (5 points)
3. **Exposure to Hazards and Decision-making (0 - 5 points)**
   * Minimal exposure to hazards, safe route, and prudent decision-making (0 points)
   * Moderate exposure to hazards, some risk, or questionable decisions (2 points)
   * High exposure to hazards, dangerous route, or risky/impulsive decisions (4 points)
   * Team separated or isolated in hazardous conditions (5 points)
4. **Equipment Management and Team Size & Experience (0 - 5 points)**
   * All essential equipment present, adequate team size and experience for the route (0 points)
   * Minor equipment issues, non-essential items missing, or slightly insufficient team size/experience (2 points)
   * Essential equipment missing or left behind, or significantly insufficient team size/experience (4 points)
   * Critical gear missing or extreme deficiency in team size/experience (5 points)

**Scoring:**

* 0 - 5 points: Continue climbing with caution
* 6 - 10 points: Re-evaluate conditions, consider turning around
* 11 - 15 points: Strongly consider turning around
* 16 - 20 points: Critical need to turn around, prioritize safety