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Dear Beth Rumpza,

Hi,

As a citizen, nature lover and rock climber, I wanted to urge you to reconsider your plans to remove rock climbing bolts from the Tonto National Forest. Rock climbing is an appropriate recreational activity on Forest Service lands. I understand concerns that bolts make changes to the environment, but they are very minimal and in the long term, rock climbers can help provide the public support to keep Tonto and other National Forests and Parks protected and sustainable. Fixed anchors are critical tools for climbing. They are essential for the safety of the climbing public, and they often prevent damage to natural resources like vegetation.

Please listen to the voices of those like myself who see rock climbing as a way to appreciate nature.

Sincerely,