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Comments: Support for Rock Climbing and Fixed Anchors on Forest Service lands

Dear Beth Rumpza,

Considering the industrial and exploitative use on FS lands, it's hard to imagine how you could impose such restrictions on climbing. Rock climbing is an appropriate recreational activity on Forest Service lands, and climbers have been using fixed anchors for decades to access Wilderness areas like the Superstition Wilderness. This is part of the exceptional recreation experiences available to the public. Unless the draft plan specifically addresses existing fixed anchors and the need for continued maintenance, it will dramatically restrict recreational access to our public lands. The fixed anchors that already exist within the forest need to be specifically mentioned in the plan language and "grandfathered" in.

Please reconsider your proposed policy.

Sincerely,