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Comments: Hello,

As a frequent visitor to US forest service managed land I am writing to support this project. I frequently climb outdoors and find that fixed anchors would increase climbing safety while reducing the impact of climbing on an area.

Currently in areas that are frequented by climbers, temporary anchors consisting of webbing or cord, fixed bolted anchors are built. Rather than these temporary solutions which can be unsafe to use if left to degrade in weather, it would be more effective to install fixed anchors for many popular climbing routes. These permanent anchors would also be safer for climbers, allowing quick descent in case of unexpected weather events, reducing pressure on search and rescue resources locally within the forest district.

For non climbing users, the size of these anchors (smaller than an Oreo cookie) which are often above 100 feet on rock faces will not be noticed. The wilderness experience will remain for this hikers and others who recreate in these areas.

I encourage you to implement this policy as it would help to elevate safety and access for climbers while maintaining the wilderness experience for visitors.

Best,

Thomas