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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I ask that you fundamentally change the National Forest Service climbing management plan from one where every existing Wilderness anchor is must be reviewed to remain within the Wilderness to one where the existing anchors are permitted to remain and be maintained unless there is a clear reason to remove them.

My children and I took up climbing 3 years ago, as it was a safe, indoor activity during early COVID. This has turned into a very meaningful sport for us. We started climbing outdoors in the summer of 2021 and have found ourselves outdoors in 15 sessions this year. We do not trad-climb, using nuts, cams, and hexes. We top rope and sport climb, and we have found that the areas were we are able to use the fixed anchors to be safer, more approachable, and more enjoyable to us. Please allow the anchors that currently exist within the Wilderness areas to remain so that those who choose to go into the wilderness have a safer experience and can enjoy their time in America's unique federal recreation lands.

Thank you,

Eric Dull