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Comments: Having climbed in many areas for the last 30 years, I support the thoughtful oversight of fixed anchor placement. In 30 years of climbing, I have never installed a fixed anchor, but I have certainly clipped many fixed anchors that were already in place. For each fixed anchor that I have clipped, 95% of the time I have been extremely grateful for the existence of the fixed anchor! In all but emergency situations, the placement of a fixed anchor should be a thoughtful process that takes some time, and they certainly don't belong everywhere.

Regarding the proposed FSM 2355 Climbing Directive, section 2355.32-1, last sentence needs to be revised. Any "use of rock hammers to chip hand holds or foot holds into the rock" is completely unacceptable on public lands, and those participating in chipping are severely chastised by the climbing community. This sentence should be deleted as it does not pertain to rock climbing, but is more akin to trail building and via-ferrata type activity.