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Comments: Good Morning,

As an avid outdoor recreationist I strongly disagree with this proposed management plan. While I agree with the focus of this management plan, protecting wilderness areas, and creating new tools to understand and manage recreation in those areas, I believe that the proposed management changes do not align with the interest of climbers. Adding all of these barriers for fixed anchors, and use will only serve to create ineffective and slow bureaucratic barriers to climbing access and the Forest Service has proven that they do not have the staffing or know-how to deal with this proposed permitting and approval processes. Climbing in wilderness is generally a low impact activity and has a long ethic of leaving behind as little as possible to safely ascend and descend rock features. The occasional addition of bolted anchors, which are rarely ever seen by anyone other than climbers, are a safe way to protect descents and thousands of people can use these anchors over decades before they need to be replaced. I believe that the proposed management plan does not serve the American public and simply provides tools for the Forest Service to reject access to a specific user group and create massive barriers to access that the Forest Service cannot possibly manage.