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Comments: Hello,

As a climber who recreates on public lands nearly daily, this new management plan from the NPS and forest service would be a huge disservice to the climbing community. In the proposal, it classified fixed gear the same way as actual infrastructure (i.e Firetowers bridges etc.), when in reality they are different and used differently. Fixed gear does not have the same visual and physical impact compared to "installations". The NPS and Forest Service also lack the funding and manpower to produce a decision on the thousands of routes with fixed gear that sit on our public lands. The idea of guilty until proven innocent, in terms of anchors, is also detrimental to the well-being of North American climbers. The community of climbers does a good job of self-regulation when it comes to fixed gear and they are also known for chopping bolts that are deemed "unethical". The climbing community has been good up until this point is there, any need for legislation?

Thank you,