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Comments: Hello,

I'm a 67 year old and have been an active climber for over 50 years.

I serve on the board of a Local Climbing Organization (Climbing Resource Advisory Group) that works with management at City of Rocks National Reserve and Castle Rocks State Park, Idaho.

I've previously been part of a group that worked on developing the first Climbing Management Plans for both of the above mentioned areas and I am very familiar with issues of fixed anchors.

The plans we have adopted in these areas represent a compromise that has worked well for the past 20+ years.

I also volunteer with the American Safe Climbing Association, and have been doing maintenance / replacement of fixed anchors as they age-out / become unsafe.

The new draft plan is a solution looking for a problem - which ignores fully-functioning protocols in favor a complex set of regulations that would be extremely difficult to manage, not to mention unfunded.

Implementation of this plan would halt current safety maintenance, and create serious dangers to climbers who rely on fixed anchors for safety where no other options exist, a common scenario at many climbing venues.

Climbers cherish the wild FS land, and have a long history of self-policing, working with land managers, and offering volunteer work to assist with work that otherwise would be taxpayer- paid.

I urge you to modify the current draft plan to reflect real management issues - overuse, erosion, maintenance - and drop the aggressive anti-climber bias this plan represents.

Sincerely,

David Bingham