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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment. My family and I are public land climbers, both rock and ice. We search out, and try to find routes that utilize fixed anchors because of the added safety they provide. In my experience, these are well thought out and actually quite hard to find even when looking for them. I would beg for you to consider fixed anchors as we always have; and encourage/ train the climbing community on the proper placement and maintenance of existing and future fixed gear on our public lands. I believe a change in the classification of fixed gear would be a huge step back for the American public. Anything we can do to foster the feeling of ownership and responsible use of our forest service land is vital to our future generation of outdoorsmen and women. I have not met a better group of land stewards then the local climbing community and I am proud my children and I are trying to follow in their footsteps.

Thank you for your consideration.