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Comments: As a climber, I want to ensure the safe and responsible use of fixed anchors in national forests remains available to the climbing community. I respect and advocate for the responsible use of Wilderness areas and believe that fixed anchors can be a component of a sustainable Wilderness experience. Please revise your climbing guidance to reflect the practice and precedent of the last 60+ years-that fixed anchors for climbing can be used, replaced, and maintained in national forests areas.

I have both recreated and instructed climbing and mountaineering in many national forest areas across the US and a fixed anchor, especially one that can be respectfully maintained and replaced when needed, can mean that the general public AND the guided public can experience some of the most beautiful areas our country has to offer.