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Comments: I am a person who enjoys the peace and solitude of the outdoors. I am a rock and ice climber, hiker, mountain biker, and backpacker. The wild spaces (forests, parks, wilderness areas, etc) are therapy for me bringing clarity to an ever chaotic world. Like many other likeminded people, I care about the outdoor spaces and I am concerned about the impact of the nation's infatuation with the outdoors; its being loved to death. The number of climbers has dramatically increased and this puts a strain on the natural resources. However, the level of the impact on natural resources is different from location to location. The impact at national parks is significantly different than at in national forests. Even within the Black Hills National Forest, the impacts vary from the Wrinkle Rock area, to Victoria Canyon, and Spearfish Canyon.

I fully support reasonable climbing management plans that reflect the true needs of a specific location. A flat out blanket ban on fixed anchors or a heavy handed approach to applications for maintain existing climbing routes are not the answer. The National Forest Service proposal appeared to take a balanced approach to climbing management. I applaud the NFS for their continued desire to collaborate with climbing organizations. There is only progress through cooperation.

As a member of the American Alpine Club, the Access Fund, and the Black Hills Climbers Coalition, I fully support their efforts to preserve climbing access and advocating for responsible bolt placement. Their dedication to maintaining climbing access and environmental conservation is crucial.