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Comments: Hi there, I am concerned about the recent movements towards removal of fixed climbing gears in National Forest. This will greatly reduce climbing activity across the US and make it much more unsafe for those that continue to climb. As a mountain guide I make my living often times as a result of these fixed anchors. This decision would limit the economic vitality of many in mountain towns across the US. Gear stores, guides, educators, schools. Please take these people into account as you make your decision. As someone who has spent lots of time outside in these places, on these fixed anchors I have never seen someone or heard of someone having a negative interaction with climbers. In general, people engage positively and love to see climbers climbing. It is inspiring and I think connects with the mission of the National Forest service. I would be happy to continue this conversation if you have any more questions for me. Thank you for taking the time.