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Comments: Hello- I'm 54 years old and I've been rock and ice climbing on US public lands for 35+ years.

I'd like to ensure the safe and responsible use of fixed anchors in both US Forests and wilderness areas remain available to the climbing community. I respect and advocate for the responsible use of wilderness areas and firmly believe that fixed climbing anchors can be a component of a sustainable US Forest and wilderness experience.

Please revise your climbing guidelines / proposals to reflect the practice and precedent of the last 60+ years- that fixed anchors for climbing can be used, replaced, and maintained in designated US Forest and wilderness areas.

99% of all the climbers I know have a deep respect for nature and try to keep their overall impacts very low. Fixed anchors are an integral component to a safe climbing experience.

Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,

Matt Touchette