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Comments: As a frequent outdoor climber, I am deeply concerned about the recently proposed prohibitions on fixed anchors. These anchors are not merely installations-they are integral to our safety and to the sustainable enjoyment of the wilderness. These potential restrictions could greatly impact the longstanding tradition of climbing in areas like Linville Gorge, not to mention compromise the safety of our climbing community. This proposed prohibition would not only inhibit climbers but also instigate confusion among the climbing community and land managers. I encourage the USFS to reflect on the substantial implications of this ban.