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Comments: Dear Amazing people at the USFS,

First - thank you for what you do everyday to continue to make America's wilderness areas such a gift to all of us Americans and to all those who visit our beautiful country! Secondly, PLEASE reconsider the new policy prohibiting fixed climbing anchors on USFS managed lanes. I urge you: talk to your fellow USFS colleagues who are climbers and listen to them. They will confirm what all climbers fear this new policy will result in: more climber accidents and deaths. Clearly that is something we all want to avoid! Policies that protect our natural spaces are crucial, but increasing the risks of deaths and injuries to climbers isn't a sensible solution. Please find a sensible solution that includes the permission of permanent climbing anchors.

Again, thank you for your service at the USFS.

Sincerely,

Tom MacDonald