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Comments: Your efforts for the proposed directives for climbing management are appreciated. My main concern is the proposed prohibition on fixed anchors in the National Forest. This could be a huge liability issue and a liability for recreational users of the National Forest, even possibly resulting in the loss of life.

Existing climbing anchors and bolts need to be replaced as they age. Climbers spend time and money as volunteers to do the work which ensures future climbers' safety. As a climber begins to ascend a route, she is unaware of, and can't determine from the ground if there are, bad bolts or anchors.

In my climbing career, I've had to climb past missing bolts and suspect bolts that I was totally unaware of prior to beginning my ascent. This resulted in unavoidably risking my belayer's life and my own. Rappel descents are even riskier when an anchor can no longer bear the strain. I have been left wishing that they had been replaced.

Hopefully, there will be serious discussion of this issue with knowledgeable, experienced climbers.