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Comments: I am writing in opposition to the proposed climbing regulation relating to fixed anchors. First of all the proposed regulations will endanger climbers and result in increased rescues. fixed anchors are essential for climber safety on many existing routes and for climbers establishing new routes. Without fixed anchors retreat would become difficult or impossible in some situations. Prohibition of fixed anchor replacement could effectively lead to the erasure of some of the worlds most outstanding routes. The proposed regulation of new fixed anchors would make it difficult for new generations to experience the joy of creating new routes. Finally a hands off approach should be taken for all non wilderness climbing with intervention only when needed to protect natural or cultural resources. An already overburdened forest service does not have the resources to waste on the regulation of largely unenforceable climbing regulations.