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Comments: Rock climbing and mountaineering are essential activities in the American Wilderness. It is not possible to consider the American wilderness accessible to the American people if these activities are banned or severely restricted. And fixed anchors are essential for both activities. Therefore, it is incumbent upon the USDA to regulate fixed anchors in a manner consistent with their continued responsible use. The proposed burdensome regulations threaten the American wilderness out of proportion to any possible benefit. I implore you to work with climbing stakeholders to fashion reasonable regulations to address your fixed anchor concerns.