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Comments: I am writing to express my extraordinary concerns regarding the USFS draft climbing management draft. I would like to express my opposition to several of the items contained within the management draft.

The classification of fixed anchors as "installations" represents a drastic change in the interpretation of the wilderness act and abandons nearly 60 years of preexisting policy and practice. The prohibition of fixed anchors due to this reclassification effectively prohibits rock and mountain climbing as acceptable and safe activities within the national park system. reclassification would greatly increase the danger that climbers face

I am also greatly concerned by the requirement for new and replacement of fixed anchors may only be allowed after a MRA. Again, this requirement greatly curtails climbing as an activity. This new exception process will severely restrict a climber's ability to make in-the-moment safety decisions. Over the past 60 years the climbers themselves have maintained responsibility for the maintenance of fixed anchors. I challenge that your agency has the resources or the desire to take over this task. This again represents a serious safety hazard, the policy to restrict or prohibit the placement/replacement of fixed anchors unless authorized through MRA takes critical personal safety decisions away from climbers

Placing unreasonable restrictions on climbing will not protect wilderness areas but will severely strain cooperative relationship between the climbing community and the land management agency. This will benefit no one