

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 1/4/2024 11:11:30 PM

First name: Philip

Last name: Guecia

Organization:

Title:

Comments: As a climber of 40 years, I have found great joy and peace in the forests and wilderness. I honor the legacy of indigenous peoples and acknowledge their homelands, but I have also made a homeland in nature via the forests, protected lands, and the parks of this country. Bolts and repel anchors are essential elements of my interaction with nature, and insure my safety and the safety of so many other climbers whose love and respect for the wilderness of this land has surely generated support for the USFS.

Climbing has a long history in this country and removing bolts and anchors will not remove the desire to climb; it will just create a dangerous and unnecessarily antagonistic relationship between the USFS and some of its most ardent supporters.