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Comments: Dear USFS,

I have been climbing on Forest Service land for over thirteen years and wanted to comment on the proposed resolution regarding fixed anchors.

Climbing is a well- established use of wilderness and is legitimate just like other wilderness uses.

Fixed anchors are also well-established devices used to protect climbers both during ascent of otherwise unsafe expanses of rock, and as points of protection for safe belays and for safe escapes (rappelling). They have been used for half a century or more. They are not prohibited installations under the Wilderness Act.

Prohibiting fixed anchors or removing already existing anchors will create serious safety issues to climbers AND to the rescue squads dispatched in an emergency (at which point the rescue squads will be forced to create fixed anchors for safety reasons).

Regards,

Frederick Nuffer