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Comments: Hello US Forest Service leadership and staff. First off, thank you for your unrelenting effort to designate, create, maintain, and protect national forests and wild areas for people of all kinds. I do, however, have concerns with the proposed changes to climbing management these areas.

As a climber, I want to ensure the safe and responsible use of fixed anchors in national forests remains available to the climbing community. I respect and advocate for the responsible use of Wilderness areas and believe that fixed anchors can be a component of a sustainable Wilderness experience. Please revise your climbing guidance to reflect the practice and precedent of the last 60+ years-that fixed anchors for climbing can be used, replaced, and maintained in designated national forest areas.