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Comments: Dear USFS,

Access to our beloved parks is so honorably protected by your sector of government. The NPS system has provided countless memorable, some may even say life altering, experiences in the people's land you manage. My experience as a visitor in these parks started as someone searching for a nice view and a creek to swim in but in the last two years my ambitions have shifted to scaling vertical terrain. To the more horizontally inclined visitors these climbs of plum orientation expose the basic human fear of falling. Often times the parks service installs fixed railings, trails, cairns/indicators (often installed by patrons) or other safety measures to manage that feeling on horizontal surfaces. My simple question is this: at what specific degree do fixed safety enhancements become illegal? I by no means am a proficient climber but most climbers can scale 5.9 with far less effort than your average day hiker tackles a 2 mile loop.

Allow fixed anchors to remain. Create stricter rules if you must but give our environmentally conscious community a chance to remain safe while enjoying a different orientation from the average visitor.

Thank You,