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Comments: To Whom it May Concern -

I've been rock climbing for more than 40 years, and have spent countless hours enjoying climbing in wilderness areas. I'm dismayed by the current proposal to reverse 60 years of precedent and declare fixed anchors as installations.

Local climbing organizations in Southern Arizona where I live, and all across the US, have worked for years to help protect our forests, and have a long record of working with land managers to resolve issues and develop approaches that allow climbing, protect resources, and help maintain climbing routes and protect wilderness. I believe that approach should be continued - working together is the best approach for all involved.

I suggest that the USFS reconsider the current proposal. I believe the current proposal will lead to increased costs, increased distrust, unenforceable mandates reduced safety, reduced recreational opportunities, and a reversal of a long history of climbing in wilderness as a supported activity representing the best of how we can recreate in our forests.

Regards,

Don Wilson