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Comments: Thank you for your thoughtful concerns about our wilderness. In this case, please consider the importance of our climbing community to Southern Arizona and the Coronado National Forest. As a lifelong Tucsonan, I grew up going to Mt. Lemmon and learning to rock climb here. The rock climbers who I have learned from and who I now mentor, are courteous, mindful of the privilege to be in nature, pick up after ourselves, help stay on trails and maintain them, and dedicate ourselves to nature conservancy. I am a sport climber, meaning that I climb using the fixed anchors and bolts to keep me safe. Please do not prohibit fixed anchors, bolts or their maintenance. Climbing is the sport that gets me outdoors and into the mountains. I do not feel safe climbing "trad style" (without fixed anchors and bolts). Additionally, Southern Arizona has become a world recognized destination for our rock climbing. I recognize the challenge in balancing the preservation of wilderness for the enjoyment of all. In this situation, please reconsider this policy and look for an alternative that allows for climbers and the climbing community to continue to support and serve as shepherds in collaboration with the forest service. We all want to enjoy this area together, climb safely and preserve our forests and wilderness. Thank you,