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Comments: The Climbing Management Plans being suggested are absolutely heart breaking to friends, family, and myself.

As an avid outdoors person, I have enjoying hiking, climbing, and camping all over the US in national parks, BLM, USFS, and wilderness areas.

Some of my happiest memories revolve around climbing on public lands - including making new friends, connecting with nature, challenging myself physically, and even getting engaged.

The people who feel this strongly about using our public lands for climbing and mountaineering are also some of the most respectful users of these spaces - individuals and groups across the country take care of these lands by organizing clean ups, trail maintenance, graffiti removal and also spread awareness for raptor/wildlife monitoring. We take responsibility for using these lands in a way that future generations will also enjoy.

Climbing routes are not permanent structures - and it could be strongly argued that the intent of Wilderness Act's view on "permanent structures" in these areas is related to buildings and actual obstructions to land use (fences, gates, etc...)

Bolts and anchors on climbing routes are almost invisible to those around - it can even be difficult to see them when you are at the route. They can even be painted to blend into the rock. This equipment is so integral to the safety of climbers, that to prohibit even the maintenance of pre-existing routes puts the safety and well being of climbers at risk - this is extremely short sighted.

It is very very difficult for me to think that the impact of a bolted climbing route has anywhere near the impact of horses, ATV users, or bicycling. The impact of removing permanent anchors would likely be worse if every traditional climber had to leave personal gear to rappel from the top of a climb.

Climbing brings a sense of belonging and enjoyment to the outdoors for everyone. It can be a source of industry for nearby towns. These potential restrictions will completely gut those of us who seek the mountains for challenge, relaxation, and enjoyment. It is extremely frustrating that the people who are arguing FOR this management plan are disconnected from the community they are affecting. I would really encourage those in favor of this management plan to go- hike out to a climbing area (if you can find it) and see how the visibility of these routes affects your experience in the USFS or Wilderness areas.

Again, I implore you not to proceed with these climbing management plans. Rock climbing has been a celebrated activity on our public lands for over century and the 1964 Wilderness Act did not deem fixed anchors as a prohibited installation.

Please allow existing routes to be maintained!

Please allow anchors for the safety of this community.

Please work with local climbing organizations to continue or implement safe practices.

Please allow new routes.