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Comments: As both an avid outdoor enthusiast and someone who has worked for the gov in recreation management I have a strong opinion on the latest draft proposal. The spread of climbing as been a great awakening in the public about the recreation opportunities in the outdoors and the ability to set lofty goals and accomplish big things. I think the USFS should be pushing for a managed expansion of climbing opportunities in our nation's public lands, not just management of existing. I do not view fixed anchors as detrimental to my wilderness experience and feel that they expand the opportunities to get off the beaten path and embrace the solitude available.

I think the draft proposal would impose more of a restriction on the activity and advocate for more flexibility in responsible use. The fixed anchors are typically small, unobtrusive, and central to climbing and exploring safely. If they are taken away, it would seriously restrict the explorations of the wilderness. These opportunities have been central to my enjoyment of the wilderness areas from the summits of the north cascades to climbing across the southwest.