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Comments: The proposed fixed anchor ban is misguided, prejudicial towards a single group of citizens, and fails to enhance to the very ends it seeks. Climbing, and fixed anchors in particular, are of such limited impact on forest service lands when compared to other allowed activities it is difficult to understand how the proposal originated.

In additional to having a limited impact on the environmental, aesthetic, and cultural resources of forest service lands, the proposed ban would greatly limit access to the vertical terrain and put climbers at great risk of serious injury, death, and costly evacuations. Fixed anchors are essential to safely accessing the vertical resources of forest service land.

Although the framers of the proposal may have had the best intentions, the proposal is misguided and will greatly diminish the right of a large number of citizens to enjoy their lands.

Sincerely,

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