

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 1/10/2024 8:41:47 AM

First name: Dan

Last name: MacNeill

Organization:

Title:

Comments: I have had the pleasure to enjoy many of America's Wilderness and Forest Service areas for as long as I can remember, since I was quite young, I am currently 41. And as a climber I have continued to enjoy Wilderness and Forest Service areas for close to 20 years. Fixed anchors are an essential part of climbing and by and large climbers do a wonderful job of maintaining existing fixed anchors as well as being mindful of only adding anchors in new areas when no other options exist. I'd venture to say that 99% of these anchors would only ever be seen (and appreciated) by other climbers-no one else enjoying the Wilderness or Forest Service area would ever even be aware of their presence. Please ensure that the safe use of fixed anchors in Forest Service and Wilderness areas remains available to and inclusive of the climbing community. Restricting the establishment of new routes to "existing climbing opportunities" on non-wilderness lands is unenforceable and will only cause confusion amongst land managers and climbers.