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Comments: The proposed changes to the management of fixed anchors in wilderness areas directly threatens access to climbing areas and the safety of climbers utilizing these spaces. Fixed anchors are essential to rock climbing, and their prohibition would mean the end of climbing in wilderness areas. This shift in attitude by the USFS does not reflect the values that have been protected and encouraged for many decades. As a climber, I have donated large amounts of time and money to protecting local wilderness areas and natural spaces to ensure sustainable climbing access. I know many other climbers have done this as well. I urge the reconsideration of the proposed fixed anchor ban as it directly opposes policy that has fostered sustainable access for many decades.