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Comments: As a climber, I want to ensure the safe and responsible use of fixed anchors in Wilderness/national forests and remains available to the climbing community. I respect and advocate for the responsible use of Wilderness areas and believe that fixed anchors can be a component of a sustainable Wilderness experience. Please revise your climbing guidance to reflect the practice and precedent of the last 60+ years-that fixed anchors for climbing can be used, replaced, and maintained in designated [Wilderness/national forest] areas.

Please remember the current policy rightly stated that a single anchor in and of itself is not a violation of Wilderness. The proposed policy will be reducing the freedom of our citizens to enjoy Wilderness in its current untrammeled stated. Please do not accept the current updated policy, as the NPS nor the FS has the expertise or the work force to properly support the proposed changes.