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Comments: I was made aware of USFS's intent to restrict the use of climbing anchors, and wanted to express my disagreement with this proposal. Like roads or other trails, these climbing routes are recreational resources and the service should want to ensure the safe and responsible use of these resources through the use of fixed anchors. Climbing has a long history on public lands and as a member of the public who regularly uses these lands, we should have the freedom to recreate in this way without compromising our personal safety. As a life long climber with a constant presence in parks and public lands, I believe that fixed anchors can, and should, 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 areas.