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Comments: Hello,

I'm writing to express my concern in regards to any management plan that would limit or prohibit new or existing fixed anchors on public lands. The USFS does not have the resources or expertise to evaluate fixed anchors. Climbing is a legitimate use of public land. Route development should be left in the hands of the climbing community. It is absurd to think that a person or official that is not actively engaged in the sport could make a determination of the need or safety of any bolt or anchor. Placing and replacing bolts is a skill learned through mentorship and decades of participation, and can only be managed by the climbing community. Thank You for your consideration.