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Comments: As a climber, I want to ensure the safe and responsible use of fixed anchors in national forests 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 national forest areas. I strongly believe that without fixed anchors, climbing will be less safe as existing anchors age and degrade. Additionally, the environmental impact of fixed anchors is much less than that of placing and removing large amounts of gear on routes repeatedly where a few small bolts would do the trick and is much more in line of the ethics of Leave No Trace!