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Comments: I have been rock climbing at numerous locations across the United States since 1976. Included within those locations have been many great climbs in the wilderness. The experiences I had in those locations are the source of many of the best memories of my life. Great climbs with close friends in some of the most beautiful locations on the planet. Those of us who climb in the wilderness could climb in an indoor gym but choose to climb in wilderness areas because we love and respect the natural beauty of these locations and because of how much climbing in these locations adds to the depth of the experience. We do so with a deep consideration for minimizing our impact on this natural environment.

I understand that the U.S. Forest service has a legitimate responsibility to protect our valuable wilderness. That said, I believe that the currently proposed plan as it relates to climbing in the wilderness is misguided. Fixed anchors have minimal environmental impact and are necessary to safely climb many classic climbs. Please allow those of us who have enjoyed rock climbing for so many years to continue doing so.