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Dear United States Forest Service,

I am a climber who loves our national parks and wilderness areas, and I am writing out of my concern that this policy might restrict access, make unsafe, and/or remove long-established climbing routes across our country. As a climber, safety is one of my top priorities. Fixed anchors have been allowed for decades, and they are essential to my safety and that of my fellow climbers. Prohibiting fixed anchors and/or making it difficult for the climbing community to maintain fixed anchors in climbing areas imposes a significant and unnecessary risk to our safety.

I hope that you will consider a policy that protects existing routes, allows for safe and sustainable access to climbing areas overseen by federal agencies, and doesn't take climbing decisions away from climbers.

Thank you for all you do for our public lands.