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Comments: Hello USFS,

I write to you as a concerned climber regarding your potential changes regarding fixed anchors and hardware for climbing. I am 24 years old, I have been a climber for 10 years, and have spent time in all facets of the sport, but the area of climbing that I want to highlight here is traditional climbing. I have spent a lot of time climbing multi pitch traditional routes, and have seen many different kinds of anchors, in varying conditions. As someone that is younger, one thing that has always been hard for me to understand is how the older generation of climbers preferred messes of tat, pitons, and other hardware to make anchors, rather than making a simple, clean, and safe bolted anchor. Thankfully, over the years, the precedent for this has for the most part shifted, and we now have more environmentally friendly, lower visual impact, and much safer bolted anchors as the standard. What I can't fathom is now needing to revert to those old ways, and make backwards progress if the rules were to be changed. Please don't make us go back in time, and both slow the progression of our sport, make it more impactful on the natural environment, and increase the danger of an already dangerous activity. Thank you.