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Comments: Hi USFS,

Long time enjoyer of the wilderness here. I appreciate the work that was put into this document, and it does attempt to address the very real issue of how the wilderness is getting a little overused. I would advise against attempting to implement this type of heavy handed bureaucracy to solve it though. Someone will have to spend a lot of time reviewing every anchor placement proposal and others would have to enforce these rules. This will be a slow, laborious process that costs the park service valuable resources that could be better applied. The number of individuals placing fixed anchors is relatively small (as it requires the expertise, equipment, time and finances that few people possess) and the limitations that are already in place (disallowing the use of motorized drills) ensure that development happens slowly. Guidance around route density (if there are as the document states "excessively bolted faces") and approval on a per-developer instead of a per-route basis should be sufficient to further hinder excessive development. If there are areas that are currently 'over developed' in the eyes of the USFS then those should be called out and further development disallowed. Changing routes that already exist is unsafe as there is not one place where new information can be posted. I hope we can find a way to make the future of rock climbing in the USFS lands as welcoming and sustainable as possible. Thank you.