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To The U.S Forest Service,

In regard to proposed legislation to reconsider the use of bolts, fixed anchors, etc; I am in agreement with your proposal for the following reasons.

Fixed anchors are NOT essential to the establishment of climbing routes in or out of Wilderness areas. This mindset has taken shape in the past 40 years and should be reversed.

Safety is NOT guaranteed in the climbing world and bolts and other fixed gear provide a false sense of security.

Prohibiting fixed anchors does NOT obstruct the appropriate exploration of Wilderness climbing. The use of bolts as a substitute for imagination and boldness is retrograde.

Prohibiting bolts and other fixed gear does NOT threaten the legacy of climbing in the National Parks. The original climbers were mindful of the drilling of fixed anchors and chose a different path. Today's climbers seldom reflect on their predecessors' methods and instead choose to be poor stewards of the rock and the Wilderness.

As a climber of more than 50 years, with experience throughout the United States, I urge the USFS to persevere in this legislation. To preserve the Wilderness, as detailed in the Wilderness Act, should be the highest priority.

Sincerely yours, A Climber