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Comments: As a climber, I want to ensure that the safe and responsible use of fixed anchors in national forests remains available to the climbing community. The availability of these anchors is crucial in enabling safe access to some of the most beautiful, remote and rugged parts of our wild spaces. There are innumerable climbing routes that would either no longer be viable without fixed anchors, or would become significantly more dangerous with parties forced to down-climb, or find other ways off of routes and rock formations.

As a lover and frequenter of wild places, I respect and advocate for the responsible use of national forest areas. That being said I truly believe that fixed anchors can be a component of a sustainable national forest experience. Please revise your climbing guidance to reflect the practice and precedent of the last 60+ years-that fixed anchors for climbing can be used, replaced, and maintained in designated national forest areas so that generations of climbers to come can continue to enjoy, frequent and recreate in these places.