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Comments: As a climber, I want to ensure the safe and responsible use of fixed anchors in [Wilderness/national forests] remains available to the climbing community. I respect and advocate for the responsible use of Wilderness areas and believe that fixed anchors can be a component of a sustainable Wilderness 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 [Wilderness/national forest] areas.

As someone who has established new routes in national forests and parks, I want to express my concern towards new requirements regarding climbing anchors. I believe that with relatively few exceptions, climbers tend to self govern the placement of permanent protection very well. Please do not change the current system of self governance. It would cost tax payers unnecessary amounts of money and government intervention in a place where it is not wanted or needed.

When developing a new route, the first ascensionist is not often able to predict where or how permanent protection will be required. Often that decision can only be made in the moment. How would government anchor assessors determine the necessity of the installations in this setting? Requiring anchors to be reviewed or reported will lead to climbers not reporting new developments and potentially unsafe conditions.

Please continue along the current route of allowing the climbing community to respectfully self govern with regards to climbing anchors.