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Comments: This is a comment in opposition to the USFS's Climbing Management Plan.

I have been a resident of Tucson, AZ for nearly six years now. During that time, I have spent an enormous amount of time in the public lands of Southern Arizona. In fact, the Southern Arizona climbing community and opportunities, with its long and positive history on public lands in the region, was a major contributing factor for choosing to relocate here. In addition to providing one of the safest, cleanest, and best supported climbing regions in the nation, the climbing community here has presented volunteer opportunities and a chance to feel a sense of stewardship with my home. I have participated in trail maintenance, litter clean up, and erosion control work, making many friends in the process.

On the subject of safety, climbing in southern Arizona has felt amongst the safest places I've ever climbed, in no small part due to the installation and regular review/refresh of fixed anchors. Rock climbing is a well-accepted and celebrated activity on the Coronado National Forest (CNF), with routes established well before the 1964 Wilderness Act. The CNF even celebrates rock climbing on its homepages as a major forest activity. Fixed anchors are an essential piece of climbers' safety system and are not prohibited "installations" under the 1964 Wilderness Act. Following existing climbing policies that allow judicious use of fixed anchors for more than a half century will do more to protect Wilderness character while providing for primitive and unconfined Wilderness climbing. It is unreasonable for federal agencies to create new guidance policies prohibiting Wilderness climbing anchors across the country when they have allowed, managed, and authorized fixed anchors for decades. Prohibition will lead to greater likelihood of injuries and death, reduced accessibility of public lands, and increased enforcement burdens on the already short-staffed Forest Service. A better path forward is to continue to work with partners like the Southern Arizona climbing community who know the history and the land