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Comments: It is with great concern that I ask the USFS to reconsider the banning of fixed anchors in Wilderness areas. These systems have been a lifeline for outdoor enthusiasts for decades. Without allowing the replacement and maintenance of fixed anchors you would be putting the climbing community at risk of serious injury and death. Many climbers are great stewards of these wilderness areas and are willing to take steps to promote sustainable access to wilderness areas while preserving cultural and natural resources. When I go out into established climbing areas I want to have the utmost confidence in existing fixed anchors knowing neither I nor my companions are at serious risk. I hope you take these concerns into consideration.