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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to urge you to reject the draft climbing management guidance. It would undo decades of precedence regarding the placement and use of anchors and increase the risk of injury to participants in climbing. As a lifelong climber, this policy is of utmost importance to me and I feel it would truly obstruct my and others ability to navigate our National Forests. Climbing has been a central part of my life for over 20 years, and as a teenager gave me a sense of place and community when I did not have one. Central to that community is the ability to freely navigate our National Forests the same way that many years of precedent have allowed. I strongly believe that this policy will be difficult to enforce and the status quo of anchors being allowed until there is a reason for them not to be (cultural or environmental) should be maintained. Further, enforcement of this policy will cost money, which with a ballooning national debt, is wasteful and unnecessary.

Thank you

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