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Comments: Rock climbing is a valuable and rewarding form of recreation that is compatible with Wilderness. Rock climbing requires anchors for safety and for natural resource protection. Rock climbing anchors have been used before the Wilderness Act was enacted and these anchors do not disturb flora or fauna and they do not compromise Wilderness. The proposed directives (FSM 2355), are burdensome and seem to be advocated by an extremist agenda pushing a bolt prohibition. I rely on rock climbing for recreation, spiritual recharge and as a way to unplug from contemporary life. I can't understand why an agency would want to alienate a group like rock climbers, who are a motivated advocate for forest conservation and wilderness protection. Climbers have demonstrated, over decades, the ability to mitigate their impacts and organize stewardship. I am sharing this opinion with my US House Representative, Virginia Foxx.