

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 1/18/2024 3:02:07 AM

First name: Kate

Last name: Markiss

Organization:

Title:

Comments: Citizens whom the Wilderness was set aside for, will not be able to safely use non-Wilderness lands.

It is a tragedy to take away a means for citizens to enjoy this beautiful land.

Responsible climbers have a love for the national forests and are respectful of 'leave no trace'. I understand fixed anchors leave a trace, but fixed anchors can be painted/patinaed to blend in with the natural environment. Please considers alternatives and not prohibit a means for people to enjoy the national forest.

Additionally, restricting the establishment of new routes to "existing climbing opportunities" on non-Wilderness lands is unenforceable and will create confusion amongst land managers and climbers. Non-Wilderness climbing management policy should maintain opportunities for new anchors unless and until analyses determine climbing should be restricted to protect cultural and natural resources.