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Comments: Hello dear USFS,

I'm writing to express significant concern regarding the pending legislation that would alter the way we climb on USFS land. I have been an avid lover of wild places, forest service land, and climbing for for 30 years. I've climbed all over the United States and such opportunities have given my life a deep sense of meaning, a connection to nature, and the sacred experience of exploration. I fear that such opportunities are in peril.

In short, climbers need fixed anchors to climb safely. Climbing is here and we can't put that genie back into the bottle. By greatly restricting the chance to safely develop new routes and update existing fixed hardware, climbers are going to be put at greater risk, and there will be a more contentious relationship between land managers and climbers.

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.

Thanks kindly for your time and consideration,

Joe Dyer