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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I would like to encourage the Forest Service to continue to permit the use of Bolts and anchors for Rock Climbing on National Forest Land. As a climber and avid user of National Forest Resources for a variety of recreational pursuits, I appreciate being able to climb and recreate on the rocks safely. I believe that climbers in general are a responsible user group who seek to leave no trace and conserve and protect the National Forests and other public lands. Banning the use of bolts or other anchors will make things unsafe, as existing hardware rusts and decays, yet remains the easiest way to descend a rock face. Furthermore, while I do not condone this, members of the climbing community may decide to disobey the rules and install bolts anyway. This will result in a worse outcome than a collaborative process between multiple members of the climbing community and Forest Service Officials deciding where bolts can be placed vs foregone. I hope you will consider carefully and I appreciate your time and consideration in reading this.