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Comments: Dear USFS,

I sincerely hope that you will reconsider the implementation of policies that could jeopardize some of the most iconic climbing routes in our amazing country.

Fixed anchors do much more "good" for the environment (and for the safety of climbers) than they do "bad" because they reduce wear on trees, boulders, and other natural anchors, as well as reduce tat (old pieces of rope, webbing, or ad-hoc anchor remnants) that is left behind. As for safety, well placed fixed anchors are infinitely safer for those using them to descend a route, or bail for emergency purposes. Not only are the fixed anchors safer for those actively using them, but they are also safer for others recreating in close proximity to them as they can significantly reduce hazardous rock fall because of their preplanned and strategic locations that encourage safe and efficient descents.

While climbing may seem like an unimportant activity to many, it is extremely important to many others. I encourage all non-climbers who are reading this to have a conversation with a climber to see how important this is to them.

Very Respectfully,

Jesse McDonald