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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to underscore the importance of climbing access in our National Forests and to express my hope that the National Forest Service will continue to work collaboratively with climbers and climbing organizations to ensure safe and sustainable access.

The use of fixed anchors is integral to climbers' safety systems, and the responsible management of these anchors has been successfully upheld for decades under existing climbing policies. I believe that maintaining this collaborative approach will not only safeguard Wilderness character but also facilitate primitive and unconfined Wilderness climbing.

Prohibiting fixed anchors could pose safety risks and obstruct safe recreation in Wilderness areas. I encourage the National Forest Service to continue working with the climbing community to find solutions that balance safety, preservation, and responsible land management.

I cannot speak for the entire climbing community, but having access to backcountry climbing makes me an even more avid supporter of public lands. I feel passionate about the importance of safety and access AND preservation of wilderness and believe with collaborative efforts between land managers and climbers both can be achieved.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the preservation of our natural spaces and for considering the concerns of the climbing community in your decision-making process.

Sincerely,

Sabrina Scruggs