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Comments: Dear NPS,

I want to express my appreciation for providing a platform for public input.

I'm reaching out about the FSM 2355 directive. After reviewing it, I can see the effort put into understanding climbing regulations on NFS and Wilderness land. It seems reasonable, aligning with the goal of preserving the natural quality of Wilderness areas.

While I'm not an expert in law, climbers like myself know a lot about climbing and the development of routes. We care deeply about the rocks we climb on, and the bolts that allow us to climb them safely.

I understand the challenges faced by Forest Service employees with limited budgets and heavy workloads. The introduction of a "climbing management plan" and evaluating permits will add to the workload of Forest Service Rangers and Supervisors. Please recognize that climbers will continue to visit and climb within allowed areas, thus requiring maintenance on fixed anchors.

I hope for understanding and collaboration to address concerns about the FSM 2355 directive. While promising on paper, there are worries about effective implementation and potential bureaucratic hurdles.

My sincere request is for the USFS, Regional Foresters, Forest Supervisors, and District Rangers to collaborate with climbers and organizations, streamlining processes and finding mutual solutions.

Thank you for the care you've provided to these areas I've cherished since childhood. I appreciate your consideration of the concerns raised by climbers and nature enthusiasts.