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Comments: I'd like to comment on the authorization procedures for fixed anchors.

First, I applaud the verbiage reiterating that climbing has a historical precedent and important means of recreating on public lands. I've grown up appreciating the landscapes of forest land as a young child and now get to share the grandeur with my own children. The importance of access to preserved land is a topic of great importance to me and my family.

As a climber for the past ten years I've been able to appreciate the unique access that climbing has opened up on National Forest Land. It has helped me discover new and under appreciated areas of local Forest Lands that I would have never explored otherwise, ultimately increasing my appreciation for National Forest Land.

I'm concerned about introducing any policy that labels fixed anchors as "installations" because it seems to mark a reversal in policy enabling the access of climbing. Requiring an approval process for creating new anchors seems unmanageable and a means to prevent further access to new areas. This also opens the door to reducing current climbing access which would lead to safety issues.

Please reconsider the proposed procedure and instead consider a way to educate and provide best practices for anchor placement.