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Comments: I am writing in response to the proposed change in management regarding the use of fixed anchors for climbing in wilderness areas. I oppose this new proposal, and would like NFS to continue its current management strategy, which has been generally effective for climbers, managers, and the general non-climbing public.

The use of fixed anchors presents minimal to no effect upon the general non climbing public, yet the use of these anchors is incredibly important for the activity of climbing to be practiced safely and effectively. Climbing is an activity that has provided an avenue for amazing exploration and self discovery, for myself and many others. To stifle the continued use of anchors would exclude many users from continuing to enjoy this activity and would keep potential new users out of the wilderness areas. I do not think that the proposed change in management would provide any benefits for any user groups.

Please consider continuing the current management strategy and not changing the way I and many others have been able to enjoy the NFS system as climbers.