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Comments: I'm an advanced rock climber with 10 years of experience climbing in USFS, wilderness, and other public lands throughout the United States. I've also travelled around the world to climb in Asia, South America, and Europe. I mention this because I want to affirm that our public lands are among the most beautiful in the entire world. They should be protected- kept clean with minimal impact. However, are most beautiful when fully experienced (not just looked at) and for this they must be open for enjoyment for users such as rock climbers.

Rock climbing is a legitimate use of public lands. Rock climbing is a highly ethics based sport that values honesty amongst its peers. You can be assured that this leads to the nature of these fixed anchors to already being used as sparingly as possible. If there are impacts on the land by climbers, limiting bolts and anchors is not the correct method to limit the impacts. Any more regulation would in fact be limiting our ability as a user group to use our public lands.

But that is all beside the point.

I'm worried about the language in the proposition as it unfairly gives power to government officials to manage something that they do not have the skill, resources, or appropriate discretion to manage. I am opposed to passing limiting documents such as this proposed fixed anchor and bolt document. It gives more power to unelected officials, and I hope my voice is heard in this comment as my tax dollars and vote seemingly would not have that ability in this case.

It is dangerous to our user group of rock climbers to allow for a document with this language, as it could potentially provide means for managers to limit our ability to use our public lands in the future.

The USFS has no grounds enacting documents such as this. It would have such a negative effect on an entire legitimate user group. Leave such documents to Elected officials, as was the case with the original Wilderness Act and other similar guidances of use of public lands. This is an overreach of power by the Forest Service.