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Comments: Thank you for working on the Climbing Opportunities, FSM 2355. As a former climber - I'm 75 now! - I do not agree with fixed anchors being allowed on NFS lands. We always took our anchors out as the last climber ascended. We are also backpackers and we have taken our children and grandchildren into the wilderness to be among all that nature has to offer. We religiously taught them that they are to leave no evidence of us being there, that nature is sacred and to be protected. After packing up we would scour the grounds for any sign of us humans. We would also take branches and gently rub the dirt as we left our campsite. So the thought of fixed anchors in the wilderness completely floors me. Fixed anchors just encourages more and more use. That is NOT "leave no trace" that we have practiced since 1970. Climbers need to fill out a Use Application every time they go into our canyons. We have to do it when we want a Christmas tree or want to cut wood. As a former climber that would make sense to me and I would do it willingly and respectfully.

I hope that you keep working on protecting nature and not allow things that are permanent! Thank you, Becky Peters