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Comments: Hello,

I would like to submit comments on the FSM Climbing Opportunities proposal. Climbing anchors, including fixed anchors, have long been utilized for safety purposes. Fixed anchors are used when non-fixed anchors are not feasible or safe. Fixed anchors also ensure quicker (and therefore safer) rappels and assist with climbing rescue and recoveries. Of course, inspecting anchors and replacing when needed is critical. My worry is that if all routes have to go through an MRA process, it could put a serious and long delay on climbing.

I think it would be beneficial for the NFS to have a plan in place for inspecting and replacing unsafe anchors and bolts. I think that would benefit everyone. I don't think that routes should be shut down until they are inspected and I certainly don't think we should be considering banning climbing from areas where it has been respectfully, responsibly and safely practiced for decades.