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Comments: As a climber of more than 50 years, I am writing to urge the USFS to take a measured approach in regard to regulating the use of "fixed anchors" in wilderness areas. Some of the most profoundly moving moments of my life were with my children and with lifelong friends climbing in Forest Service Wilderness, where limited but vital anchors made it possible to do so safely.

The climbing community has demonstrated high regard toward maintaining wilderness values since before the Act became law.

Climbers have shown they are able to cooperate with land management agencies to protect public lands for enjoyment by all of the public. For decades, climbers have cooperated in keeping away from particular crags when bird species might be fledging their young there. In Colorado, climbers have developed a model of moderating the use of fixed anchors in Eldorado Canyon State Park through a process that gives weight to all stakeholder concerns, protecting a beloved resource I have frequented since 1973. It has protected this unique asset for my children's generation and will for my grandchildren.

If it can be done in a state park, it can be done in Forest Service Wilderness.

Moderation, cooperation and communication will better serve federal land managers than the proposal now being considered for adoption.

Thank you.