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Comments: As a long time rock climber who has spent a significant amount of time in National Forest wilderness areas I know the value of climbing fixed anchors. Those anchors have some times shown me the way to go & have also facilitated my retreat in storms or impending darkness. There are not always cracks in the rock to place removable gear. Without fixed gear there will be many more times that rescues are called for and that endangers both the climbers and the rescuers. Plus it adds a huge burden on Forest Service personnel who already have limited resources. Please retain the policy of allowing judicious fixed anchors in the wilderness.

Thank you, Dan