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Comments: As a climber, I want to ensure the safe and responsible use of fixed anchors in [Wilderness/national forests] remains available to the climbing community. I respect and advocate for the responsible use of Wilderness areas and believe that fixed anchors can be a component of a sustainable Wilderness experience. Please revise your climbing guidance to reflect the practice and precedent of the last 60+ years-that fixed anchors for climbing can be used, replaced, and maintained in designated Wilderness/national forest areas.

Not allowing fixed anchors would be unsafe to climbers and stifle all of climbing history up to this point. Needing to analyze the need to replace anchors may be too time consuming. Fixed anchors are how climbers top rope from routes, rappel from routes, and in a nutshell, safely get down from routes. If the forest or other governing bodies decide to be responsible for replacing fixed anchors they are now responsible for peoples lives. Replacing anchors has always been the job of local climbing coalitions and should remain that way for the safety of all climbers.

If climbing anchors do not get replaced soon enough people could suffer serious injury or death and the forest service and national park service could easily be held responsible due to possible negligence in replacing anchors in a timely manner. Fixed anchors placed correctly and maintained correctly and on a timely basis not only allow climbers to participate in the sport of climbing but also keep climbers safe.