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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

I have traveled extensively throughout this country and have visited and climbed in many National Forests. The reason I traveled and the reason I went to these places was to climb. I may not have given myself the opportunity otherwise. My point is, climbing is an integral part of the way some people know and experience this country and the wilderness in it. Changing the anchor guidelines can severely impact that.

Fixed anchors mean safety to me. The fact that these safe anchors have been allowed for decades is why I was able to have the experiences I did. If these policies change, climbing will change, and the way people access the outdoors will change.

With more and more people accessing the outdoors, I feel it is irresponsible and unsafe to alter the way things have been done at this point. Government agencies should continue to work with climbers to figure out the best practices that allow people to experience the outdoors in as meaningful ways as folks have been doing for a long time.

Thank you,

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