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Comments: Dear USFS,

My name is Tanner Josey. I'm currently pursuing a Master of Science degree in Environmental Policy and Management with a focus in natural resource management. Additionally, I'm an avid rock, ice, mountain, and tree climber. I promote safe and equitable access to our public lands, and I promote a plan that keeps climbing routes safe. The proposed plan will take away from the climbing community and it will also impact the agencies negatively. Climbers have long been stewards of the environment and avid spokespeople for exploration. What better way to get to know a place than exploring? Your plan needs to be adjusted and climbers need to be valued in the conversations. We are not trying to decimate the walls; we are trying to push our personal limits to learn about ourselves and about the world we all live in. I strongly encourage you to re-think the approach to maintaining anchors in wilderness settings. We deserve a place in the conversation, and we also deserve the right to be heard. Our points are valid and rock climbing needs to be managed in a sustainable manner that allows continued exploration, safe anchors, and a structure that works for everyone.

Sincerely,

Tanner Josey