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Comments: To Whom it may concern,

Over the most recent decades recreational climbing has been one of the largest agents for sustainability and minimal impact throughout our beloved wilderness. Many climbers, such as myself follow leave no trace principles in our daily lives as well as when we enter the beautiful wilderness the USFS has worked so hard to protect.

When it comes to permanent installations in the wilderness for rock climbing, it is imperative that a line be drawn. As a climbing community we take great care in keeping routes and trails clean for others to use and leave minimal impact. However, we need to use these so called "permanent installations." They are paramount to accessing the beauty of our wilderness in a safe and controllable manner.

This new project would likely cause novice and inexperienced climbers to do more harm than good by trying to place retrievable rock pro and anchors - not only putting themselves in danger but also degrading rock, soil and other natural materials in the pursuit of climbing.

All that can be avoided by allowing the permanent, safe, well maintained anchors to continued to be used by the climbing community in the wilderness.

Thank you for your consideration.