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Comments: Fundamentally, this directive will put the safety and well-being of climbers at risk. Should the countless fixed anchors that climbers currently rely on (and manage), to promote safe movement through vertical terrain, become compromised, aged, or in disrepair while awaiting USFS personnel to examine, the safety of climbers will be put in jeopardy. If the USFS chooses to move forward with this directive, it will knowingly introduce unneeded harm to those who continue to seek adventure in the mountains. As a climbing professional, mentor, advocate, and enthusiast, I strongly oppose this directive and urge the UNFS to seek insight from climbers, local advocacy organizations, and industry experts before drafting any resolution.