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Comments: I encourage the Forest Service (FS) to engage and collaborate with those effected by the proposed changes to fixed anchor policy before moving forward with a decision. At the core, the resources protected by the FS should take precedence over any specific user group and/or activity. With this said, climbers, mountaineers, canyoneers, etc. are a primary user group and have been for over 100 years. Working together collaboratively to help solve the problems facing the FS could present a win/win result for all. Arbitrary decision making without public input rarely provides the best result. An interim solution for example might include continuation and modification of practices that are already the norm in many wilderness areas--allowing natural anchor construction practices and use while limiting steel bolted anchors.