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Comments: Good Morning to Whom it may concern,

I am writing as a concerned climber, SAR member, and user of the USFS. The proposed new policy of prohibiting all 'fixed anchors' is a major threat to the past and future of climbing in America. I see no justification for this new policy that has been proposed since in my eyes it will become a hazard and safety concern (without maintenance on existing hardware) to users on federal land and it will also strain resources such as Search and Rescue Teams, which I am a member of and know the importance of well maintained/new hardware in a rescue scenario, and the resources it takes to perform one. It would be truly a shame to respond to an injured climber or preform a body recovery as a result of this policy being passed.

To me it doesn't benefit anyone, climber or not, to impose this policy either. First of all, climbing is a protected activity in the USFS so you would be hindering the public who pay money to use the Public land and secondly, no one who is opposed to bolting in the parks and wilderness areas could look around and pick out bolts, nor could other members of the public so if part of this is because it is an "eye sore" or makes the parks 'less beautiful' is an argument that does not make any sense.

Thank you for your time,

Eric