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Comments: As a climber who enjoys access to NPS/USFS resources, I truly appreciate the natural resources you help us manage. I have enjoyed climbing and many other activities on public lands, and hope that you will consider the impact these new policies would have.

Myself and the vast majority of climbers I have met are careful caretakers of the land we tread. As repeated visitors to our parks and forests, we are diligent in protecting these resources for ourselves and for future visitors. Compared to the general public, the climbing community is more thoughtful and informed about our impacts. Reducing our access and safety through these policies would have a negative effect on the relationship between the people you serve and the nature you steward.

Climbers are adventurous spirits, but we are also considerate and measured. We protect our own safety with fixed gear, to increase our access to the great outdoors. By removing our ability to maintain these safety measures, we would face greater risks and lose significant access.

If our joint mission is to promote a positive relationship between humans and nature, please reconsider the proper implementation of these policies.