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Comments: Hello,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed policy to prohibit the use of fixed climbing anchors in the wilderness areas of the United States. Fixed climbing anchors provide a safe mechanism for climbers to ascend vertical walls. Removing them would certainly result in more accidents. Not only would this policy increase the danger of climbing, but this would also put a strain to the resources required to rescue injured climbers. I would like for the USFS to reconsider the policy to be modified in a way that balances the safety of the climbers and protecting wilderness areas. Rock climbing has been an integral part of American wilderness recreation, and as part of the community of climbers that has established this country as a premier destination to explore these beautiful vertical walls, I respectfully ask the USFS to listen to our desires to keep the wilderness a safe place to explore.

Thank you,
Yosuke Kanii