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Comments: I do not engage in rock climbing but I respect the rights of those who wish to participate in the sport. I worry that the Forest Service will implement policies on fixed anchors that will negatively impact the safety of climbers. Fixed anchors seem essential to ensuring that less experienced climbers can learn the sport without endangering their lives. The environmental impact is minimal. Whenever I learn that a climber has died because their protection has failed, I am greatly saddened and I wonder what could have been done to avoid the tragedy. Please consider climber safety as a first priority in your rulemaking.