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Fixed anchors provide a critical piece of infrastructure for the historically well-established usage of climbing in USFS areas. The current proposal would make it substantially harder to make sure that these anchors are regularly created and maintained, leading to potential safety issues for outdoor recreators. I don't believe that with the currently overloaded and underfunded nature of the USFS, that it will be able to effectively manage/triage requests for emplacement and replacement of such anchors. In essence, this will be an unenforceable and unmanageable set of limitations.

Best, Gareth Ellis