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Comments: I support the institution of wilderness directives that continue to allow climbing canyoneering mountaineering and alpinism in USNFS lands and wilderness. These activities are essential to the American Spirit and are historical endeavors which pre-date the creation of the USDA and NFS.

The NFS should not manage the installation of fixed anchors, but allow them as historical precedent has demonstrated climber/canyoneer can responsibly manage their need use and maintenance. The NFS does not have the man-power nor financial resources to manage fixed anchors otherwise.

The use of fixed anchors such as single piece glue-in and multi-piece expansion bolts with hangers as well as nylon sling material are essential tools in mountain safety. Removal of these devices would significantly increase climber, mountaineer, canyoneer, and alpinist risk and serve no one.

The NFS should move forward with a comprehensive climbing, mountaineering, canyoneering, and alpinism directives which allow the continuance of these activities on NFS managed lands into perpetuity.