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Comments: I have been upset and saddened by the proposed regulations. The climbing community here in Southern Arizona has a long and positive history on National Forest system lands and has even effectively collaborated with Cornado National Forest for many decades. The climbing community has helped in system trail maintenance, erosion control work, litter and graffiti removal, raptor monitoring and anchor maintenance.

Rock climbing is a well-accepted and celebrated activity not only in the Cornado National Forest but throughout the United States. Fixed anchors are an essential piece of climbers' safety system and are not prohibited under the 1964 Wilderness Act. It is unreasonable for federal agencies to create new guidances that prohibit climbing anchors across the country when they have allowed, managed, and authorized fixed anchors for decades. Not only is it unreasonable, it is a safety issue to remove bolts and fixed anchors.

This regulation would caused increased risk for climbers, decrease new climbing opportunities, and would threaten America's rich climbing legacy and erase some of the world's greatest climbing achievements. The Forest Service and NPS should instead consider existing fixed anchors in and outside of wilderness to be approved and appropriate until such a time that a resource analysis can be done to determine if each fixed anchor is inappropriate. USFS and NPS need to begin or continue working with the local climbing community as an essential part in maintaining climber safety and promoting outdoor recreation.