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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I want to address my concerns regarding the USFS draft policies which would make fixed anchors prohibited in American Wilderness areas. These new policies are alarming, and will endanger the lives of climbers. Fixed anchors are essential to the safety system of climbers, and fixed anchor maintenance needs to be managed in a way that will incentivize the safety of climbing routes, while not endangering the climbers.

While proposed management of fixed anchors is a crucial step towards the growing sport of climbing, outright prohibition of anchor systems will not prioritize the safety of climbers. I encourage the USFS to reconsider these restrictions to allow responsible bolting that can strike a balance between safety and preservation of wilderness areas.

Thank you for your consideration,

Will Thompson