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Comments: I'm grateful you are taking the time to read my comments. I'm grateful to be in this great country that has so many beautiful places to explore and see in national forests. I found rock climbing and ice climbing to be my favorite way to see these places. I have many fond memories that I hope to keep creating in these places but also hope others will continue to have the same opportunities now and in the future. I hope policies made will continue to allow this but will also help preserve the beauty of the national forests. Unfortunately any use of the forests creates "wear and tear" on the landscapes. I believe that actions should be taken to minimize this but actions should not inhibit the activity or make them unsafe.

Fixed anchors are essential to climbers being able to recreate and enjoy these places safely. Federal agencies have allowed, managed, and authorized fixed anchors in parks for decades now and would be unreasonable to create new guidance policies that would prohibit them. I do believe in a climb clean mentality where anchors should only be placed when absolutely necessary. Whenever possible climbers should use gear such as cams and nuts that don't remain on the wall when the climb is over. In some cases though bolts offer a safer and cleaner solution to climbing safety in both the ascent and descent.

The maintenance of climbing bolts is a responsibility that has been taken on by the climbing community itself. Sometimes critical safety decisions must be made in the moment when placing or maintaining a bolt and an authorization process should not impede those decisions.

The proposal to inhibit establishment of new routes to "existing climbing opportunities" on non wilderness lands is unenforceable and will create confusion with land managers and climbers. New anchors should continue to be allowed unless it interferes with cultural and natural resources.