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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I am writing because I am concerned about new guidance issued by USFS regarding fixed anchors for climbing. I am a homeowner, small business owner, father, and volunteer in my community. I've been a climber for nearly 30 years.

In order to safely enjoy these wild spaces as a climber, bolts are absolutely essential. We have used them for many decades and are integral to our history and legacy. Fixed anchors are not considered "installations" by the Wilderness Act, and have been allowed and managed up until now, and it's not reasonable to prohibit them. Prohibiting fixed anchors will increase risks and accidents, and will obstruct climbers' use of Wilderness areas.

Please reconsider your proposed guidance, and continue to allow fixed anchor placement and maintenance.

Thank you,

Scott Rennak