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Comments: Dear USFS administrators,

Thank you so much for your work to protect America's most cherished landscapes. I know it is not easy work, and as a frequent visitor to federal lands, I share my sincere thanks for your efforts.

Rock climbing has been a traditional method of exploring Wilderness Areas for more than 100 years. When I climbed in Red Rock Canyon Conservation Area for the first time in 2019, I felt like I was a living part of that history, experiencing the landscape in a way that is incredibly emotionally powerful. I feel most alive, most clear, most myself when I am 3 pitches up a 10-pitch climb. The deliberate body movements, the deep silence, the feeling of the rock beneath my hands is truly a transcendental experience.

This experience is only possible due to fixed anchors. Fixed anchors have been an essential part of climber safety for decades, and removing them would significantly endanger climbers. I believe the USFS should prioritize climber safety by empowering climbers to replace unsafe fixed anchors and to maintain fixed anchors as needed.

Thank you again for your time.

Sincerely,

Krista Karlson