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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

I have been a backcountry recreator since the age of 2 years old, in a family that frequently hiked and backpacked. LNT principles and respecting the wilderness were instilled in me from day 1, and I continue to recreate on our wilderness lands with these principles as core values.

I have been a sport rock climber since 2011, trad climber since 2014, and mountaineer since 2020. These activities are legitimate uses of federal wilderness lands and even preceded the wilderness act. The current proposals that expand the definition of installation to include fixed anchors is unreasonable, unnecessary, unsafe, violates the spirit and intention behind the wilderness act, and severely threatens our countries rich history of climbing.

If passed, this policy will result in a significant increase in injury and death, increases in demands for search and rescue team time and resources that is already stretched drastically thin, and will either significantly increase financial burdens to the Forest Service or result in a de-facto ban on appropriate, legitimate, and sustainable recreation on our federal wilderness lands.

Climbers and mountaineers are stewards of the wilderness. This proposal would harm me, harm my community, and harm our federal lands. I implore you to not approve this proposed policy.