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Comments: Hello,

Father, husband, surgeon, backpacker, canyoneer, and lover of the FS and wilderness areas here.

I am writing to provide criticism and guidance on the proposed changes and to share my strong opinion that canyoneering anchors be exempt from the proposed changes. The presence of these anchors is essential to maintaining canyoneering access in these areas, and to ensuring the safety of canyoneers. A system requiring evaluation will inevitably result in temporary or permanent closures and lack of access to canyons. If this is allowed to be the case, there will be, in most cases, no access to safe, legal human enjoyment of these areas. At its heart, we consider these policies to preserve wilderness--and all the wonderful geology, flora, and fauna contained within--for the enjoyment of people, not to spite people.

Please allow the common sense policy that has been in place for years to continue to govern these routes and canyoneers' access to them.

Thank you for your stewardship of these lands.

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