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Comments: The potential ban on fixed anchors (installments) on forest service land is an overreach and misunderstanding of the spirit of the law at hand. Fixed protection are integral to the safe exploration of national parks, forest service land, and public lands alike for rock climbers and alpinists. These are not great engineering triumphs that are being erected in a serene environment but rather a small 1"x1" camouflaged piece of metal. These fixed anchors, in addition to an occasional tree sling, are historical in climbing which has been deemed a legitimate recreational activity that can take place in the parks systems and forest service land. Please to not take these radical steps to prohibit fixed protection in our national parks that hold so many aesthetic, historic, and important climbing routes.