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Comments: I am a climber and a user of the lands administrated by the USDA Forest Service for climbing but also for hiking, camping or simply to enjoy the wilderness that is preserved in the system.

A complete ban on fixed anchors is not the answer as it wouldn't be a proposal to remove all man-made structures that today exist (trails, roads, signs, buildings, etc).

I believe an effort has to be made to preserve what has been done and accepted for decades, that is key to the safety of those participating in the activity and that has developed its own world known legacy and recognition.

Policies that allow judicious use of fixed anchors will do more to protect Wilderness character while providing for primitive and unconfined Wilderness climbing, should allow for regular maintenance of fixed anchors, a responsibility undertaken by the climbing community that is adamant for safety and need to protect existing routes from removal.

respectfully

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