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Comments: I am reaching out to request the withdrawal of the draft guidance and establishment of a study group that includes representation from the industry, particularly the camp industry, to determine the potential impact of these restrictions.

Request/Recommendation to the USFS

Sanborn Western Camps strongly recommends:

1. The continued use of existing fixed anchors without further review, unless there are site-specific resource concerns;
2. Allowing the maintenance of existing fixed anchors without prior approval, unless there are site-specific resource concerns; and
3. The authorization and placement of new fixed anchors in the wilderness with a simple and efficient permitting process that does not require an MRA, as is current practice under NPS Director's Order 41.
4. Creation of a Study Group with participation from the camp industry in the development of any guidelines related to climbing activities in the wilderness or wild areas.