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Comments: As an avid outdoor enthusiast and supporter of responsible recreational activities on national forest service land, I strongly object to the proposal to limit the building of fixed anchors. Fixed anchors serve as essential safety measures for climbers, allowing them to enjoy the beauty of our natural landscapes while minimizing environmental impact. Restricting their installation would not only compromise the safety of climbers but also deter individuals from engaging in outdoor activities, ultimately contradicting the mission of promoting responsible recreation. Additionally, the proposal fails to clearly define which areas will be affected, leading to confusion and uncertainty among climbers and outdoor enthusiasts. Instead of imposing blanket restrictions, I urge the authorities to consider alternative solutions such as implementing education programs and enforcing Leave No Trace principles to ensure the preservation of our natural resources while accommodating the needs of outdoor enthusiasts.

Sincerely,

A respectful lover of wild places.