Data Submitted (UTC 11): 1/29/2024 10:47:27 PM First name: Din Last name: Cohen Organization: Title: Comments: Dear US Forest Service,

A few notes regarding this proposal.

"that a Forest Supervisor may authorize the placement or replacement of fixed anchors and fixed equipment in wilderness based on a case-specific determination that they are the minimum necessary for administration of the area for Wilderness Act purposes, including primitive or unconfined recreation and preservation of wilderness character".

Climbers should not be the only outdoor enthusiasts upheld to such high standards. Day-hikers, through-hikers, campers, runners, and any other tourists, that utilize the same spaces should also have resources like trails, signage, safety railing, bathrooms, etc., restricted as they harm the environment just as much if not more than bolts.

"that existing fixed anchors and fixed equipment in wilderness may be retained pending completion of a Minimum Requirements Analysis, as funding and resources allow, that determines they are the minimum necessary to facilitate primitive or unconfined recreation or otherwise preserve wilderness character"

Who can analyze these requirements better more thoroughly and economically than the American Access Fund?

"and that the issuance and administration of special use permits are encouraged to enhance visitor access to climbing opportunities and visitor education concerning low impact climbing practices"

If this is truly a matter of funds, Climbers will gladly pay their "climbing tax" if you let them keep their culture. But this cant be a matter of "education concerning low impact practices" because they know that just as well as any other tourist walking by.

Thank you for your service and for taking us into consideration, Din.