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Comments: Hello I am an avid climber and wilderness steward. I am writing to share my opposition to the new authorization procedures for fixed anchors. While it is true that climbing has grown in popularity, adding stricter guidelines to the installation of fixed anchors is not the correct way to ensure that wilderness is properly managed by the growing community. These anchors are an essential piece of safety for climbing and bolting routes is the international norm for safe sustainable climbing. Any measures to prohibit it will likely lead to more climbing accidents among the growing climbing community. It may also create a rift between the USFS and the climbing community which have for decades worked together to ensure the preservations of our wilderness. The USFS has authorized fixed anchors for decades. They create a clear path for people new to the sport to enjoy our wilderness safely. Without fixed anchors this growing community will likely be forced to make unsafe decisions when exploring wilderness resulting in costly search and rescue operations as well as lives lost. There are thousands of climbing routes in America and it is unreasonable to expect this policy to be upheld when critical safety mechanisms are failing and must be replaced. Limiting the creation of new paths to "existing climbing opportunities" on non-Wilderness lands is impracticable and will result in misunderstanding among land managers and climbers. Hence, non-Wilderness climbing management policy should preserve chances for new anchors unless and until studies establish that climbing needs to be curtailed to safeguard cultural and natural resources.