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Comments: Hello,

My name is Kevin Kane and I have called myself a climber for over 20 years. I have concerns regarding FSM 2355 Climbing Opportunities. I was hesitant to write as I found the language difficult to understand, but I thought it important that I share my views as this subject is very important to me. I believe climbers should have the right to replace aged or dangerous hardware as needed, in the moment, without fear of reprisal. To restrict this invites a tragedy. I strongly support the current view that fixed anchors are not a prohibited installation. I believe hardware should be disguised to blend in with the rock, I think color matching chalk should be a requirement, and I think particularly delicate areas should be protected from further growth.

In my time as a climber I have seen an amazing amount of local climber coalitions rise up to be effective partners with the local agencies. I feel an overarching and restrictive change to the rules flies in the face of all the good those groups and agencies have done. I would like to see a management plan tailored to the location and I would like local groups to have a voice.

Thank you.