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Comments: I'm opposed to this draft guidance for managing wilderness climbing. I've been climbing for 50 years and these proposed policy guidance and regulations will deprive future climbers the opportunity to experience wilderness climbs. Why is the agency proposing regulations to make climbing artificially more dangerous by restricting the climber safety system? I've never skipped using a fixed protection point when climbing and don't know anyone who climbs that claimed a fixed protection or anchor point was not needed or used.

Any proposed restriction on fixed anchor placement or replacement will unnecessarily endanger humans that are climbing. I'm opposed to any regulation that would restrict a climber's ability to decide and provide themselves with the best safety system at the time of their climb.

The proposed "minimum requirement analysis" process should be dropped. This process will be impossible for the agency to conduct and any decision to remove or deny essential safety system components will only endanger climbers. This type of "management" is onerous and cannot be allowed to replace personal safety decisions made by the climber. The agency has never maintained fixed anchors, climbers assess and replace fixed anchors during climbing activities. No regulation should limit an individual climber's ability to do what they think is necessary for their personal safety.

I disagree with the reinterpretation of the wilderness act to claim that fixed protection and anchors are "installations". "Fixed" protection is not permanent, over time these pieces either fall out or are replaced by other climbers. Historically the climbing community has self-limited placement of fixed anchors to the minimum necessary, these proposed agency restrictions are simply not needed.

Not everyone wants to experience death or injury when climbing, agency staff that dreamed up these regulations must have watched "Free Solo" one too many times. Please drop these proposed regulations and focus on sustainable climber safety systems.

USFS proposal to restrict the placement and replacement of fixed anchors to established "climbing opportunities" in non-wilderness areas is highly subjective and will be impossible to manage and enforce. I'm opposed to any USFS regulation limiting where climbing can occur, including locations where "cultural resource impacts" are claimed to exist.