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Comments: As a frequent visitor to USFS areas for rock climbing I am concerned about the proposed new regulation. I would suggest the NPS refrain from creating new regulations even though well intentioned.

Allowing appropriate use of fixed anchors is essential for the sport which has become crowded.

I recognize that with all forms of wilderness activities there are associated environmental impacts but by a very long margin the negative impacts of climbing are out weighted by the positive effects on peoples lives and society.

Bureaucracy that negatively impact climbing safety and accessibility IMO will cause more unintended environmental harm than benefit because it will encourage people to seek other forms of solstice and recreation that have higher impacts.

Attempting to get involved in regulating the decisions on bolts is unrealistic. The climbing community is tight knit and already passionate about the minimization of bolting to where necessary only. Extensive community discussion often occurs before installation of any new fixed anchors, and USFS attempting to manage such discussions would be overly burdensome and unnecessary.