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Comments: Dear USFS, I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed policy prohibiting fixed anchors in Wilderness areas. Restricting the establishment of new routes to "existing climbing opportunities" on non-Wilderness lands is unenforceable and may create confusion. Climbing management policies should allow for the judicious use of fixed anchors while ensuring the protection of cultural and natural resources. I encourage the USFS to consider the complexities of climbing terrain and work collaboratively with the climbing community to develop policies that balance safety, exploration, and the preservation of America's climbing legacy. I hold climbing close to my heart. It's the main activity I do as well as thousands of other. Please don't take away a sport that so many of us devote our lives to and hold sacred. There are ways to be sustainable and allow fixed anchors to ensure the safety of climbers. There will be many injuries that will happen by taking away fixed anchors. Please reconsider. Sincerely, Amanda Lingle