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Comments: Dear USFS,

I've been climbing in CA and other states in the US for 25 years and want to keep climbers safe while maintaining wilderness.

In this long experience of climbing, fixed anchors have been an essential part of my safety system, used carefully (which they have been for decades) they can preserve wilderness

I'm concerned that federal agencies are considering a change to ban fixed anchors after allowing them for decades.

I have climbed in other countries where anchor replacement and safety are unmanaged. Climbers fall and are injured or die unnecessarily. The climbing community needs to be supported in maintaining safe anchors in the US

Prohibiting and/or removing existing fixed anchors threatens America's rich climbing history.

Lastly, restricting the establishment of new routes to "existing climbing opportunities" on non-Wilderness lands is unenforceable

Please allow fixed anchors to be carefully placed and replaced where needed to ensure climber safety.

Thank you.