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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

As a climber recreating in NFS lands for nearly 34 years and now joining with me, my children, it is imperative that safety is foremost. Fixed anchors, their maintenance, and at times replacement is key to climber safety for today and the future.

Furthermore, the rich and historic climbing community has long standing ethics that include the idea that fixed anchors are warranted only when completely necessary. The abolishment of such anchors would stymie and choke future generations from the freedoms of exploratory growth and safety. My Grandchildren deserve this opportunity.

Thank you, Scott A. Michels