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Comments: Hello,

I'm writing to voice my concerns regarding fixed anchors in Parks and wilderness areas. As a lifelong climber and US citizen, I am worried about this change in policy. Fixed anchors are essential to establishing climbing for many reasons. If for no other reason than this new policy seems unreasonable from both a financial and temporal standpoint. It also will cause safety issues for both the intermediate and advanced users. It will also limit the future exploration of wilderness areas and parks alike. I'm also concerned about the detrimental effects of the new policy on our existing climbs and feel that it will jeopardize our rich and storied history as one of the most significant climbing cultures in the world. In summary I am against this new policy. I feel that our governments time and resources would be better spent in education and support of proper permanent development rather than a ban or removal policy. I feel that education rather than regulation would be a better use and serve both the community and national resources rather than an all out ban. It also, occurs to me that this would be an incredibly difficult if not wasteful use of USFS resources to attempt enforcement. Thanks for your time and energy and I hope this letter will aid in the decision making process to allow continued use of fixed anchors.

Regards,

Stan