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Comments: As an avid climber deeply passionate about our wilderness and national forests, I am reaching out to underscore the importance of maintaining access to fixed anchors for the climbing community. My respect for these pristine areas is unwavering, and I am a strong proponent of their responsible use. I firmly believe that fixed anchors not only enhance our wilderness experience but can also coexist harmoniously with our efforts to preserve these natural treasures. It is crucial that the climbing guidelines be updated to reflect the longstanding practice and established precedent of over six decades - acknowledging that fixed anchors are an integral part of climbing and can be responsibly used, replaced, and managed in our designated wilderness and national forest areas.