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Comments: Hello USFS,

I'm Hans Webster, a climbing guide to many, and a climbing partner to a few, and a friend to all.

I think some parts of this proposal are great, such as saying climbing is an appropriate use of wilderness land and having an appropriate management plan.

One change I would like to see is from a Forest Supervisor may authorize the "placement or replacement/retention" of fixed anchors to a Forest Supervisor may authorize the "removal"

This would make fixed anchors allowed by default instead of prohibited by default. The reason for this is to protect our public access to climbing and because there are already communities of climbers that are dedicated to preserving a wilderness experience while climbing in as safe as possible a manner. This would still allow for egregious fixed gear to be removed as appropriate. It would also save public entities the burden of dealing with admin work for all the routes that would be kept up (this would likely be the vast majority).

That is all.

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