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Comments: I very much appreciate the USFS taking an interest in climbing management, and I myself have thoroughly enjoyed recreating across much of America's Forest Service land. After reviewing the proposed guidance, I'm writing to recommend improvements. Thank you for the chance to provide comments.

*A key part of the guidance is defining fixed anchors as installations and therefore prohibiting them per the Wilderness Act. This is a huge mistake - these small bolts are a necessary tool for climbers to stay safe and enjoy the climbing experience. Climbers have respected the use of fixed anchors in Wilderness for years and have come so far in responsible ethics. We climb to enjoy the natural world just like other users and have made efforts in the climbing community to use these bolts sparingly.

*This guidance is also very inconsistent with how fixed anchors have been managed in the past and is an entirely different approach.

*Climbers rely on updated fixed anchors for safe experiences and waiting to replace these anchors because of an authorization process is an obstacle to outdoor recreation. Climbers have been replacing these anchors for years to ensure they are up to date and are made of better materials. An authorization process would stunt the great work of climbers nationwide.

*Climbers would not be able to recreate in Wilderness areas appropriately without fixed anchors if an authorization process is put in place. This severely impacts outdoor recreation and limits access to our enjoyment of a designation that was created to promote the responsible use of pristine federal land.

*A more holistic climbing management plan needs to include protection for fixed anchors to preserve America's climbing legacy. Many of those before us valued climbing in Wilderness and this was their way of respecting and enjoying this incredible resource.

*Finally, non-Wilderness climbing management policy should permit the option for new fixed anchors until research determines climbing must be restricted for cultural and natural resources.

As a climbing advocate, I believe in solutions that lead to long term access opportunities that make sense for both climbers and land managers. I believe we can improve these proposals to respect all recreationists' and land managers' goals.