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Comments: Dear US Forest Service,

As a climber and hiker, I would like to encourage the USFS to not adopt the proposal that would make fixed anchors prohibited in America's Wilderness areas.

America has an incredibly rich climbing legacy. The sport is now recognized by the Olympic Committee and its popularity has continued to grow (I'm sure there is a climbing gym near you!). Prohibiting fixed anchors may result in unintended consequences and potentially fatal results, as the sports continues to grow and more individuals will go out to our Parks and Forests to explore and climb.

Restricting the establishment of new routes to "existing climbing opportunities" on non-Wilderness lands is unenforceable and will create confusion amongst land managers and climbers. Non-Wilderness climbing management policy should maintain opportunities for new anchors unless and until analyses determine climbing should be restricted to protect cultural and natural resources.

With that, please reconsider the ban on fixed anchors.

Thank you,

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