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Comments: To whom it may concern:

I have been climbing since 2013 and fixed climbing anchors, as well as route bolts, are an important safety element to the climbing experience. They allow for wilderness exploration on vertical rock faces that otherwise would be unsafe to climb. Prohibiting them will inherently make the sport less safe and result in increasing safety related issues and accidents, as people will likely still want to climb these walls. Generally speaking, fixed bolts and route bolts are only added to rock faces with routes that otherwise cannot be protected with natural protection. So many routes that have been established will be lost if USFS decides to prohibit bolts and it decreases the access we have as U.S. citizens to our public lands.

Climbers represent a large number recreation users to the USFS public lands. Prohibiting fixed anchors obstructs appropriate exploration of wilderness areas, as well as threatens the rich climbing legacy/history we have here in the U.S. People come from all over the world to climb on US public lands and I believe it is important that the USFS recognize the importance this has not just for people in the U.S. but around the world in visiting our great and wonderous terrain.

Please reconsider this proposal which would really destroy the history of climbing in the U.S., as well as pose major safety issues for climbers.

The US forest service lands are for everyone who wants to recreate. Please continue to work with climbers to find better solutions so that we can all use these lands safely.

Thank you,  
Angelica