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Comments: I am a strong National Forest and wilderness advocate and the proposed legislation will considerably impact the experience and safety of climbing on our public lands. I worked for 7 seasons on trail crews both in the Teton Basin and Tahoe Basin, and have a strong passion for the preservation of our public lands and wilderness experience. I am also a consistent voter and the outcome of this legislation will strongly inform my future choices with voting.

Climbers, as a user group, strongly align with the ethic of preservation and minimizing impact. Any and all use of bolts and anchors is done in a very calculated way to preserve the adventures character of climbing while making climbing as safe as is feasible based on the rock and environment. Any broad regulation Federally will ultimately endanger climbers by limiting their ability to make important decisions with regard to anchors and safety resulting in more injuries and fatalities on public lands. At a local level, I support management efforts of USFS with local user groups and climbing coalitions to develop and manage climbing areas in a sustainable and thoughtful manner. But the propose legislation, with its broad sweep of management, will inevitably restrict access and risk safety as any management and permitting process from a Federal level will ultimately stretch the resources too thin for this to be a reasonable form of management.

Please strongly consider voting down this broad, and ultimately unreasonable management proposal and allow local decisions on the future of our climbing resources be made at a local level. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Matt Heyliger