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Comments: I'm writing to provide my thoughts on the current proposal for climbing management on NFS lands. I believe this document could be improved in many ways. First and foremost, in its current iteration, the document presents a safety hazard for climbers and will prevent continued safe exploration of many NFS areas through climbing. Instead, I propose that the USFS follow existing climbing policies which allow for use of anchors when necessary to ensure safety of climbers in NFS areas. This allows for climbers to make critical decisions about when and where anchors are necessary during both development of new routes and maintenance of previous placed anchors. Prohibition of fixed anchors after many decades of allowing the practice is unreasonable and likely to create many safety issues while also obstructing exploration of NFS areas. If there are concerns that fixed anchors are not being placed judiciously, a better use of these resources would be to provide education for climbers accessing NFS areas on how to assess fixed anchor quality and how to decide when a fixed anchor is justified. Additionally, the restriction on establishing new routes is unenforceable and NFS policy should protect the ability to place new anchors unless or until access to specific areas are shown to need protection for cultural or natural resources. By allowing climbers to continue to safely explore NFS areas, they will be able to continue their stewardship of these areas as we have seen through decades of climbing history in this country.