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Comments: I have been Climbing! for 30 years and Climbing has allowed me to experience nature and have adventures in the most incredible areas in the country. I worked as a NOLS instructor and as a mountain guide and while teaching others, I also spent a lot of time teaching about environmental stewardship and leave no trace principles. However I do not understand the assault on fixed anchors In the management plans. Although I do understand having some regulations, it would be extremely dangerous to erase 100 years of precedent and erase the safety measures that fixed anchors allow. Many of our most iconic peaks like the grand Teton, gannet peak, or half dome would not be accessible without some sort of fixed anchors. This would lead to a very destructive impact on tourism, local communities, and also endanger the lives of individuals who will continue to go out into areas, but not have a means to safely descend from our iconic peaks. I think a comprehensive plan could include permits for new routes however, a complete ban on fixed anchors makes no sense. There are all sorts of installations in the forest service, such as trails, steps, bridges, parking, lots, porta potties, roads, campgrounds. Please use common sense when making your decisions on the final plan. Laura.