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Comments: I am writing in support of the U. S. Forest Service policies that generally allow for fixed anchors on rock climbing routes on their public lands. Fixed anchors have been a crucial part of climbing safety in the National Forests for over 70 years, and they are consistent with ideas of enjoying safe climbing adventures while protecting the integrity of rock features by minimizing the amount of placing and removing pitons and abandoning poorly placed gear and slings. They are the least obtrusive method of descending from the tops of many peaks and rock formations. I am hopeful that the Forest Service will continue permitting fixed anchors in places where they are necessary for climber safety where natural rock features do not permit anchor points.

Thank you.