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Comments: I have enjoyed, and hope to continue to enjoy, climbing on lands managed by the USFS, both wilderness and non wilderness. An overwhelming majority of the climbing I've done has involved the use of fixed gear (bolts and pitons), and could not be safely done without them. I am opposed to any policy changes that prohibits fixed gear outright. I hope that any policy that would limit the use, placement, or replacement of fixed gear, would allow different forest service areas the ability to apply/interpret them in ways that make the most sense for the specific areas which they manage. Fixed gear has been apart of climbing for decades and it makes no sense to prohibit it now. Also it makes no sense, in my eyes, to limit future route development or fixed gear placement to existing climbing areas.