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Comments: Dear USFS team,

I am a fairly recent sport climber (<5 years) who has also been lucky enough to explore many of your parks and wilderness areas before I started climbing. I am writing to ask for amendments to your proposed policies that currently plan to classify fixed anchors as prohibited installations in wilderness areas. As a climber, I am concerned that these policies would create safety issues. Further, before I was a climber, I never experienced an issue with climbers or anchors that support the notion that anchor systems are infringing on the wilderness. Please reconsider these policies and work with climbers on these issues to promote management, not prohibition, of fixed anchors!

Sincerely,

Ellen