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Comments: Growing up in the mountains has shaped who I am today-a compassionate, passionate, and respectful individual. The resources of climbing protection have not only kept me safe but have also fostered values dear to my heart. Now, the proposed draft policies from the USFS have me deeply concerned.

Prohibiting fixed anchors threatens not only the safety of climbers but also the opportunities for others to discover the same values I hold dear in the mountains and on the rocks. The mountains have been a sanctuary where I've learned important life lessons, and fixed anchors have played a crucial role in making those experiences safe and meaningful.

It's disheartening to think that future climbers might face unnecessary obstacles due to these proposed policies. I urge the USFS to consider the impact on the climbing community's safety, the preservation of our climbing legacy, and the values that make the mountains a transformative space for individuals like myself. Let's work together to find a balanced solution that respects both the Wilderness and the essential role fixed anchors play in fostering a love and respect for the outdoors.