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Comments: Prohibiting the installation of fixed anchors will pose a safety risk to climbers, as these anchors and bolts are critical to safe climbing practices. In addition, many of the land users who visit and recreate in forest and wilderness areas do so solely to climb. Limiting the creation of new routes and potentially removing existing routes will harm both the history and future of rock climbing. Currently, the climbing community does a good job of managing the maintenance and replacement of anchors and bolts on climbing routes. The forest service does not have the resources to manage all of the routes within its jurisdiction, which will inevitably lead to unsafe anchors and hardware being present. I would strongly urge you to change the language of this directive to take into account the impacts that this will have on the entire climbing community in this country.