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Comments: To the US Forest Service and the National Park Service

I am grateful for the work you do to protect this country's marvelous natural wonders.

I write this letter to urge you to consider a revised approach to fixed climbing hardware.

The so-called climbing community has shown its respect and commitment to the places where we climb and which are important to us as places for recreation.

We want to continue to work with you to protect the areas that are important to all of us.

Every location I know of where outdoor climbing occurs regularly has dedicated people willing to do the important work to preserve and protect. Those people should be a resource upon which you all, as official stewards can collaborate.

These kinds of collaborations are the best way to preserve and protect the spaces which we, as climbers, and the rest of the human public, as well as animal residents and guests, enjoy and rely on.

Thank you for considering our inputs.

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