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Comments: To Whom it may concern,

As someone who spends all their free time at national parks and US Forests, I believe this is the most valuable resource in this country. I fully support protecting these areas, but I oppose the US Forest Service guidance which essentially bans climbing in these areas.

First, the fixed anchors which are now being labeled as prohibited installations have been there and are part of the area just as climbing is. The agency can't just create new guidance policies prohibiting wilderness anchors now. Removing these anchors would eliminate most of the climbs as the anchors are required for safe ascension and descent of the mountains. The incidents of injury and loss of life will increase many fold as climbers are no longer allowed access to these. The tax burden will also increase as many more injuries, lawsuits, and rescues will be required.

Prohibiting fixed anchors will prevent me and others from safely exploring the wilderness areas as well as destroy a rich history of climbing in these beautiful places.

Please do not implement this and gain feedback from climbers so that together we can protect and preserve this treasure.

Thank you,
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