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Comments: "As a climber, I want to ensure the safe and responsible use of fixed anchors in [Wilderness/national forests] remains available to the climbing community. I respect and advocate for the responsible use of Wilderness areas and believe that fixed anchors can be a component of a sustainable Wilderness experience. Please revise your climbing guidance to reflect the practice and precedent of the last 60+ years-that fixed anchors for climbing can be used, replaced, and maintained in designated [Wilderness/national forest] areas." Living in an area surrounded by national parks with ample climbing opportunities (moab, utah), I am very concerned about what could happen to all our favorite climbs! Desert sandstone is very susceptible to erosion and the existing anchors can become very unsafe without proper maintenance and/or replacement. When done properly, consciously, and ethically there is minimal impact done to the rock and its surrounding environment. Please let our knowledgeable and professional folks continue to maintain, repair and replace existing hardware in national parks and wilderness areas! Our climber safety is on the line! Thank you for listening , I hope and pray for the informed and responsible decision favors the safety and well-being of climbers across the country!