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Comments: Dear Forset Service,

I ask that you do not re-interpret the laws and regulations governing Wilderness Areas to preclude the use of fixed anchors in the manner they are currently used and have been used for many decades. As I understand it, your proposed procedures will likely eliminate much wilderness climbing, which will harm climbers and would-be climbers because much climbing is only reasonably safe using fixed anchors. I fail to see how the proposed regulations will help people, animals, or the general state of the wilderness unless the goal is simply to exclude as many people as possible from what were previously considered to be legitimate recreation activities in and out of wilderness areas. Thank you for your consideration.