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Comments: Fixed anchors provide important safety measures to climbers in National Forests, reducing accidents, injuries, and deaths. Permanent fixed anchors also protect delicate native vegetation and reduce erosion from the tops of cliffs.

Many climbers have spent countless hours voluntarily replacing old bolts, working with land managers to reduce climber impact, improving trails, and generally making the resource more sustainable as climbing grows. I spend a lot of time doing this work myself, and the current proposed FS Wilderness directive would damage the relationship between climbers and land managers.

The proposed MRA review process would effectively create a ban on replacing and installing new fixed anchors and result in needless deaths.