

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 4/6/2024 4:00:00 AM

First name: Andrew

Last name: McConnico

Organization:

Title:

Comments: Dear Forest Service,

Please do not pass this resolution to make fixed anchor systems more difficult for climbers to install and use. Prohibiting fixed anchors will create safety issues by imposing unnecessary obstacles to the regular maintenance of fixed anchors, a responsibility undertaken by the climbing community. Critical safety decisions often must be made in the moment and any authorization process should not impede those decisions. As a climber with over 20 years of experience climbing on Forest Service property throughout the US I have only had to create a fixed anchor one time out of webbing to safely descend a route. Not having this option will increase dangerous conditions for climbers and result in the need for more on rescues. Please allow the the climbing community to implement fixed anchors.