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Comments: Fixed climbing anchors are already very rare on FS land enjoyed for recreation in the United States. Rare when compared to other features such as parking lots, trails, signs, chainsaws, outbuildings, vehicles and humans festooned with staggering acreage of petroleum-based gear of all colors. But if we assume that fixed anchors should be minimized, the notion that the USFS will police this is entirely impractical. The FS should embrace the existing, organic way climbing routes are established and self-regulated by the climbing community. Occasional decisions, such as banning fixed anchors due to encroachment on cultural sites, can be efficient regulations whose positive impact on the experience of others is clear. But in general, there are much more important threats to our public lands in the U.S. that demand our limited attention and resources.