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Comments: Thank you for taking time to read public input like mine! My husband and I discovered rock climbing eight years ago, and it has since been an integral part of our physical and mental health as well as a way for our family to enjoy the natural beauty of America. We have loved exploring local climbing areas in Utah and have also loved climbing in destinations across the U.S. we care about the land and strive to be good stewards and teach our kids to stay on trails, leave areas cleaner than we found it, and follow other wilderness preservation guidelines. We appreciate continued access to these areas and recognize the importance of guidelines.

I support the recognition that climbing is an appropriate Wilderness activity and that fixed anchors, critical pieces of the climbing safety system, are allowable in Wilderness. I also support provisions to allow climbers to place or replace fixed anchors without authorization in the event of an emergency. I appreciate that the policy protects existing climbing routes that were developed before the PARC Act was passed into law. Legacy Wilderness climbs should remain available in order to preserve America's rich climbing legacy.

Please improve policies to expedite timely replacement of fixed anchors in order to avoid unnecessary barriers to climber safety. New routes can enhance the climbing experience and should be allowed on National Forest lands, consistent with existing regulations, even where no climbing management plan has been adopted. Please provide a clear path for new route exploration at areas that lack plans that specifically address climbing.