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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed fixed anchor directives. I support responsible management of climbing resources, but I have several concerns with the current language: Wilderness Areas

Fixed anchor replacement should not depend on the existence of a Climbing Management Plan (CMP). Most forests do not have CMPs, and requiring one could delay or prevent essential safety maintenance.

The directive should explicitly allow proactive replacement of aging hardware, not just emergency replacement when failure is imminent.

"Replacement" should be clearly defined to include modern best practices such as upgrading obsolete hardware, minor relocations into sound rock, and improving anchor systems.

Glue-in anchors should be recognized as a standard fixed anchor option and approved for replacement projects where appropriate.

The language regarding anchor placement to address impacts from chipped handholds or footholds is confusing and should be clarified or removed.

Non-Wilderness Areas

Routine anchor replacement should not be tied to CMPs or other district-specific planning documents.

Power drills should be broadly authorized for anchor installation and replacement.

The language discouraging "redundant" anchors should be clarified or removed, as redundancy is a fundamental component of safe climbing anchors and rappel stations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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