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Dear Beth Rumpza,

It should be permissible to replace any existing fixed anchor if a climber should come across one that he/she feels is unsafe.

The fixed anchors that already exist within the forest need to be specifically mentioned in the plan language and "grandfathered" in.

Climbers have been using fixed anchors for decades to access Wilderness areas like the Superstition Wilderness. These existing fixed anchors provide exceptional recreation experiences. Unless the draft plan specifically addresses existing fixed anchors and the need for continued maintenance, it will dramatically restrict recreational access to our public lands.

Rock climbing is an appropriate recreational activity on Forest Service lands.

Well-developed climbing management guidelines need to include allowances for Wilderness adventures where occasional fixed anchors provide a modicum of safety.

Sincerely,