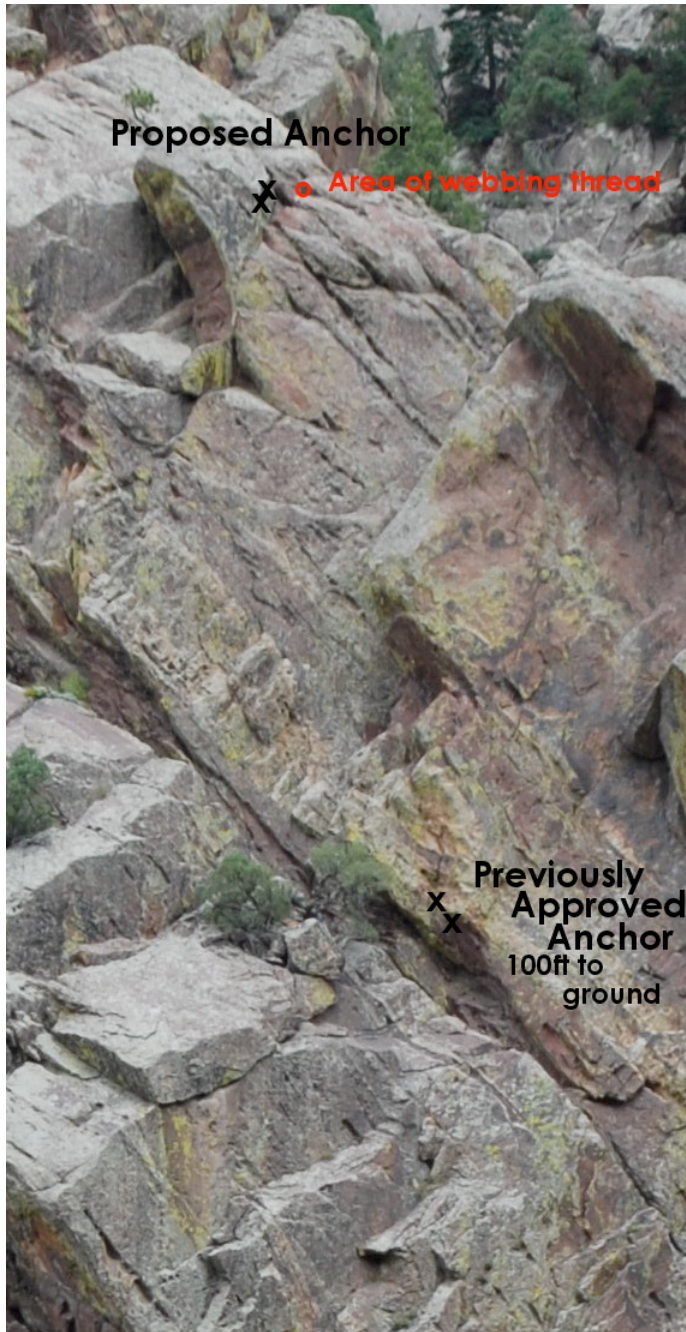


Allosaur Rappel Anchor, Lower West Ridge



Information from Applicant

The following information was received from the applicant.

Overview

Application Type– New rappel route.

Location– The Allosaur Rappel Route, Lower West Ridge

Description– The established rappel route for climbs ending near the top of Allosaur starts 30 feet left from the end of that route. A 60-foot rappel from slings threaded through a hole leads to a ledge at an old juniper tree; then a 100-foot rappel from the slings on the tree leads to the slabs on the approach scramble to the Amphitheater.

The applicant is proposing to replace the higher sling anchor with a 2-bolt anchor, including a short chain extension if needed. Two Fixe stainless steel hangers and 3/8" X 3.75" stainless steel bolts will be used. The anchor would be camouflaged. The distance between the two bolts would be close enough that no inappropriate loads would be put on the system.

Note: (A 2-bolt anchor replacement for the tree anchor (2nd rappel point) was approved by the FHRC in summer 2008, per FHRC guidelines.)

Information from FHRC

Overview

This is the standard rap route for the immediate area of the ridge line above Allosaur. Allosaur is the most-popular moderate climb in this area, and is climbed regularly. The alternative descent is to down climb to the south to sling anchors atop Wingshot, then down climb a short 5.5 step to the slabs leading back west to the ground; OR to descend east slabs to the gully between West Ridge and Redgarden (very loose with erosion issues).

This proposed rap anchor would provide a permanent alternative to the slings now in place.

Natural Protection Possibilities? The proposed anchor would replace a webbing thread

Does the proposed anchor replace a tree anchor? No, the top anchor is a threaded sling.

Does the proposed anchor replace an unsightly wad of webbing? Yes.

Is the proposed anchor in the middle of a pitch? No.

How long is the proposed rappel? Rappel 1: 60 feet. Rappel 2: 100 feet. (Previously approved)