

I have been a climber for over 15 years. It has been a way that I have loved using outdoor spaces. I have also been a member of the access fund, an organization committed to protecting climbing places and promoting responsible leave no trace practices for over 7 years.

Fixed anchors are an essential piece of climbers' safety system. preventing the placement, maintenance, replacement of bolts puts lives at increased risk. It also leads to more damage to vegetation.

Prohibiting fixed anchors obstructs appropriate exploration of Wilderness areas and causes increased risk and danger to climbers. It will also leave these areas inaccessible to many that would otherwise enjoy the wilderness space in a responsible manner. Prohibiting fixed anchors will threaten America's rich climbing legacy and could erase some of the world's greatest climbing achievements. Climbing management policy needs to protect existing routes from removal.

Please keep bolting and fixed anchors a part of outdoor spaces. They are so valuable.

Sincerely, Sara Bias