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Comments: Hello. I hope this finds you in good spirits. My name is Yuvraj and I've been climbing for nearly a decade. There are many lessons I've learned in life through climbing. I've learned the meaning of partnership, commitment, communication, failure, grief and so on. Being outside in austere environments is where I find joy and fulfillment. Thanks to organizations like the NPS, USFS and the BLM granting us ease of access, I've able to recreate in these settings.

New policies being introduced classifying fixed anchors as "prohibited installations" in wilderness areas are going to change the way folks safely recreate in these environments. Fixed Anchors are a vital piece of any climbers safety system. I believe it is unreasonable for federal agencies to create new policies prohibiting fixed anchors in wilderness areas especially when it comes to people's safety. Prohibiting fixed anchors will definitely cause a real safety issue. Prohibiting fixed anchors gets in the way of appropriately exploring wilderness areas. Not to say these policies will threaten the rich legacy America has. In these fore mentioned comments I have echoed what The Access Fund has to say as I believe they are a great advocate when it comes to access and recreation. Thank you.