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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's Evaluation and Authorization Procedures for Fixed Anchors and Fixed Equipment in National Park Service Wilderness Areas. As an avid recreational climber, I am a proponent of fixed anchors on rock faces and features. These systems keep climbers like me safe and allow us to enjoy the wilderness in a unique way. It is my hope that park superintendents, managers, and other Park Service personnel work with local climbers and climbing groups to ensure the continued use of fixed anchors in park areas.

It is also my hope that fixed anchors may be added or replaced in a fair and reasonable manner. This would include reasonable response time to requests and understanding that climbers do not wish to disrupt or harm our natural environment. I would also like to add that in some cases, the use of a power drill may be disruptive in the short term, but the opportunity for people to enjoy nature through climbing and maintain personal safety would be a long-term benefit.

I believe the climbing community wishes to work with - not against - the Park Service, and I hope the Park Service recognizes our intended good will. Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.