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Comments: I am concerned about the draft policies released by the National Park Service and U.S. Forest Service that would impose unnecessary restrictions on fixed climbing anchors in America's Wilderness areas. Climbing guides rely upon fixed climbing anchors to provide safety-oriented, high-quality climbing experiences for the public at climbing destinations around the country, such as North Cascades National Park, Joshua Tree National Park, the Wind River Range in Wyoming, and Sierra Nevada Range in California. The draft policies would create a significant administrative burden that would limit the ability of guides to provide safe outdoor experiences for the public at a time when more and more Americans are seeking to experience the enjoyment, challenge, and connection to the natural world that is unique to rock climbing in Wilderness areas.