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Comments: I have been a climber for 50 years, both Alpine and rock, trad and sport. I was one of the Access Fund's plaintiffs on the City of Rocks Twin Sisters climbing ban. We screamed and hollered the, but the ban went through. Miraculously, the City of Rocks climbing scene evolved into what it is today - a fantastic area. Nobody even thinks about it now except when we take a day off and wonder over to the Sisters to explore in peace and solitude. Damn- who would have thought! The bottom line is that Wilderness is small and priceless, worth being conservative about when making policy. There are a ton of places to climb, and the worst thing from implementing your proposed policy is that climbers would have to climb like they did in 1964, with their own clean and removable protection. Not so bad, and it might make the sport more authentic. Plus I think a lot of young recreationalists do not understand that Wilderness is not a recreational classification. You pass through and leave no trace so that our grandkids can rediscover that magic. I strongly support your proposed regulations on restricting fixed anchors. Thank you.