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Comments: Borrowing from Conor Hall, Director of the Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry (Colorado):

"A new prohibition on fixed anchors in Wilderness would jeopardize the safety of climbers, harm our recreation economy in Colorado, establish unnecessary bureaucracy, and restrict access to some of the wildest places in America."

I am an employee of a non-profit organization that works with people recovering from substance abuse disorders. I run many of the outdoor programs, including climbing, and my goal is to inspire people to care for and protect wild areas by developing a love for the outdoors. The prohibition would hinder this effort and limit accessibility to the outdoors, which is already barred by income, sex/gender, and racist issues. I believe the solution to preserving the wilderness is to educate, inspire, and create equal access for everyone instead of limiting access, and am against the prohibition.