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Comments: To whom it may concern,

Climbing should continue to be recognized as an appropriate use of public lands, including in wilderness areas.

The allowance of fixed anchors is a sensible approach that aligns with evolving outdoor recreation practices while maintaining a steadfast commitment to preserving the natural integrity of wilderness areas. Fixed anchors can enhance safety for climbers and SAR teams, fostering responsible exploration.

It's crucial to acknowledge that outdoor recreation is an integral part of fostering a connection between people and the environment. By embracing measures that allow for safe and controlled access, we not only cater to the needs of outdoor enthusiasts but also contribute to fostering a sense of appreciation and stewardship for these wilderness areas. Supporting the inclusion of fixed anchors is a forward-thinking stance that recognizes the importance of adapting to contemporary outdoor recreation needs while maintaining the sanctity of our wilderness areas.

Thank you for your time.