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Comments: To Whom it May Concern

I am writing to you as a climber and a self-described "environmentalist," for lack of a better term.

There is no need for any change to our current laws for climbing and fixed anchors in Wilderness. Fixed anchors are necessary for safe climbing. We must have them. The idea of ending their use and removing them will create safety issues and likely lead to serious accidents and lawsuits.

Fixed anchors have been in use for nearly 100 years and they are not a problem. They are not installations, as you would have us believe, any more than a footprint is an installation. Your attempt to use the Wilderness Act to ban fixed anchors is nothing more than trying to inhibit a particular user group from enjoying public land.

Sincerely

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