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Comments: Fixed anchors are an essential piece of climbers' safety system and are not prohibited "installations" under the Wilderness Act. Removing the thousands of fixed anchors on climbing routes across the country is not only dangerous for climbers but would be prohibitively expensive and nearly impossible to complete. By preventing climbers from installing fixed anchors in the future without a proper review would also be incredibly expensive and unreasonable to enforce. It would also force climbers to leave behind pieces of "tat", or webbing and rope, to use as anchors which are not only more unsightly than bolts but they degrade over time, making climbing more dangerous and more damaging to the environment.

As a climber of more than a decade in Washington and California, I've relied on the safety and security of fixed anchors to explore our national wilderness and national forest areas. They allow my community to experience what our parks and forests can offer with the knowledge that we will return home safely to our families. By removing fixed anchors and preventing new installations, our safety would be compromised and it would disincentivize climbers from exploring the outdoors.

As a community, I believe that we climbers are a very respectful group and can be trusted to work within the specific guidelines already in place regarding fixed anchors to ensure the safety of other climbers and to keep the wilderness wild.

Thank you for your time.