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Comments: Hello, I am reaching out to express my concerns over the proposed policy making fixed anchors prohibited for rock climbers. This is deeply concerning to me as it puts a rich climbing history and the safety of those who partake in it at risk. I have 4+ years of experience using these anchors in beloved wilderness areas, and I strongly urge you to reconsider this proposal.

These pieces of gear are essential for safe climbing practice and not prohibited under the wilderness act. I believe making them illegal will endanger countless lives. Maintenance of existing routes will become difficult and there will be unnecessary obstacles facing the members of our community committed to keeping routes safe. I believe the policy should incentivize safe replacement of anchors and protect routes that have stood for decades.

Fixed anchors are used at a minimum and have an extremely low impact compared to other forms of recreation in these areas. Ultimately they allow for more people to safely appreciate and experience the wonderful wilderness that exist in this county. I hope you can see their essential nature and reconsider this decision which would take away reasonable access to appreciate nature, and the safety and accomplishments of me and my peers in this sport.