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Comments: Hello

First, let me say I am an advocate for wilderness, and have been since the 1960s.

That said, fixed anchors for climbing clearly fall within the guidelines of allowance for a very human-powered activity, like climbing. I thought this issue settled, but once again, it rears its ugly head for reasons beyond my ability to comprehend.

This topic has been successfully managed in various places now for decades.

Climbers need fixed anchors for safety reasons, and abide by the "no power tools" edict for placing those. It's ridiculous, unsafe, and frankly unenforceable in many places to suddenly declare these important tools illegal.

I have worked with a private land preserve, the Mohonk Preserve, in NY for almost 30 years. We have allowed fixed anchors in a judicious manner over that time and it allows for our resources of the Gunks to be enjoyed by many and also allow us in our mission to preserve the Shawangunk Ridge. Let what works to continue to work on our public wilderness as well.

thanks,

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