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Comments: Hello my name is Adam McLean and I believe that the draft issues by NPS and USFS on Nov 17th, 2023 regarding fixed anchors should be revoked. Fixed anchors are an essential part of rock climbing safety and allow not just experienced users but new users to enter the outdoors safely and take part in a "bigger than life experience".

Rock climbing additionally brings so much tourism to rural america and helps local businesses and communities flourish. For example rock climbing can bring in workers for part time or full time local positions in a climbing area.

Additionally, I find it unreasonable for federal agencies to create guidance policies prohibiting these anchors as this would create a massive concern in regard to safety. Local organizations such as the CCC or AAC have taken on responsibility for years to maintain and preserve these anchors. Without them climbing would be far more dangerous due to the potential of anchor failure. Please allow us to keep our sport safe.

Adam McLean