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Comments: The proposal to ban fixed anchors in wilderness areas is entirely misguided in its intent and will not have the effect of reducing impact but will instead increase it in multiple metrics. Because it greatly reduces the margin of safety with which climbers are able to recreate in these areas it will directly result in higher rates of death an injury which will in turn place greater strain on the resources of SAR organizations and the forest service. Additionally it would also require climbers to utilize methods of protection, such as slinging horns or other features, which are not only more unsafe but also more visually impactful and require them to leave greater quantities of material on the wall. Further, this measure also flies in the face of the long and storied history of climbing in these areas. In summation the proposed measure would have the opposite of its intended effect by increasing the number of potentially fatal accidents and increasing the visual impact of climbing routes which will still see significant use. This measure is ill conceived and will directly cause fatalities, injuries and greater impacts. I cannot object to this proposal strenuously enough.