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Comments: Hello,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed ban on fixed climbing anchors in Wilderness Areas. While I am sympathetic to the urge to protect the integrity of invaluable wilderness lands, climbers are amongst the best conservation advocates and stewards of the land. There is a long history of climbers working constructively with state and national parks, and I'm sure any concerns can be addressed collectively. Placed conservatively and responsibly (I am no advocate for excessive bolting or piton placement), anchors can be the lowest impact, least noticeable, and safest ways to protect climbing routes. Please reconsider the language of this bill in consultation with organizations such as the Access Fund. Thank you.