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Comments: Fixed anchors are an essential tool for safely exploring and enjoying the sport of climbing in America's wilderness areas. Reclassifying fixed protection as prohibited will make climbing less safe and undoubtedly lead to an increase in injuries and potentially deaths. It will also put further strain on our search and rescue teams which are largely volunteer based.

Fixed anchors have been successfully managed by both land management agencies and climbing organizations for decades with great success.

Reclassifying fixed anchors and prohibiting their use makes exploration of our wilderness areas significantly more dangerous and difficult to do.

We as a country are striving to make safe access to the wilderness more equitable for a wider range of people. This policy change works in direct opposition of this effort, and I strongly oppose it for the reasons listed above.

Thank you for your time.

Christopher