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Comments: I have been rock climbing across the United States and Europe for over 50 years. I do not believe a total ban on fixed anchors is needed nor required. Fixed anchors, jut like roads, trail and campsites allow users of our wilderness to enjoy their particular activity.

Your current proposal singles out one specific user group without addressing similar issues with other user groups. The very definition of discrimination is singling out one specific group for their actions/beliefs/practices.

I am president of the Friends of Pinnacles which works with the Park Service staff at Pinnacles National Park to deal with issues regarding rock climbing. The first fixed anchors were placed at Pinnacles National Park in 1933, nearly 100 years ago, by David Brower who would go on to become a legendary president and conservation activist with the Sierra Club.

Please respect the historical nature of fixed anchors in the wilderness and work with the climbing community to author a plan for managing their use which doesn't discriminate against this one type of user with respect to the other users of our wilderness resources.