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Comments: NPS should create uniform rules that are permissive for the installation and use of fixed anchors for climbing. Climbing is one of America's (and the NPS's) greatest legacies and fixed anchors are necessary to maintain safe access for those learning and pursuing climbing. Old anchors need to be replaced from time to time and new anchors are continually established to improve safety on existing routes as well as to open new routes. Opening new routes is important to keep up with the popularity of climbing and to continue to allow new generations to expand the sport.

I support the establishment of uniform standards that allow climbing anchors to be installed and used. NPS should examine and extend the patterns by which this has been managed in the past, hand in hand with various climbing community organizations that have set responsible local guidelines and done tremendous amounts of work to maintain anchors and steward the safe pursuit of the sport.

Personally, I want to look forward to my daughter being able to enjoy the American wilderness safely as I have, and to continue to pursue the sport of climbing safely. The proposed change would endanger her safety and needs to be adjusted to be more permissive for the installation and maintenance of fixed anchors.