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Comments: Climbers have been and can continue to be trusted partners to help protect Americas wilderness. Please consider that making fixed anchors illegal in America's wilderness area would actually have many negative effects on all those aiming to enjoy the outdoors safely. Fixed anchors are an essential piece of climbers' safety system. These types of anchor systems have been allowed and managed for decades, and Prohibiting fixed anchors will create safety issues by imposing unnecessary obstacles to the regular maintenance of fixed anchors, a responsibility undertaken by the climbing community. Please reconsider language in the proposal to protect the ability of climber to responsibly and safely maintain climbing routes.