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Comments: Fixed anchors have existed for generations and are central to maintaining safe travel in the mountains. Removing and prohibiting them is not only a huge change from historical management practices, it will make mountain travel unsafe and inaccessible to most. Improving upon failing anchors has always been an in the moment urgent response undertaken to improve safety, and it should continue to be allowed without increased logistics, with the sole focus on maintaining safe human travel in wild places.

I have been a climber for more than half of my life, starting when I was in high school and now into my 40s. Climbing in our high and wild places has helped make me a strong resilient person. As a practicing hospitalist physician still recovering from years of caring for my community during COVID, the mountains are a respite for me. Traveling in the mountains safely with fixed anchors has led me to some of the greatest adventures in my lifetime. I hope that I and others will continue to have the opportunity to wander, refresh, challenge, and explore our beautiful public lands safely protected by fixed anchors. Please do not prohibit fixed anchors. This will threaten human life without any clear benefit.

Sincerely,

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