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Comments: I have been climbing for over 30 years and it has become one of the most defining aspects of my life. It has brought me more joy than any other activity and has motivated me to visit many of the wonderful national parks , wildernesses and forests in the US.

I've been lucky enough to experience sun rises on the RMNP peaks, balancing across knife edged aretes in the Wind Rivers, and eating dinner on ledges as the sun sets over Yosemite. I've been lucky to do thousands of climbs across dozens of parks safely primarily because of the fixed anchors that exist on these climbs.

Fixed anchors in these wildernesses are critical to the safety of climbers. Without anchors many of these climbs become significantly more dangerous and there is a much higher risk of injury or death. Fixed anchors have been a fixture of wilderness climbing for over 50 years. It is unreasonable to make changes to critical safety gear now when it has been in use and with low-impact for so long.

Prohibiting safety gear will obstruct the exploration of wilderness, and will make it impossible to explore new climbing areas safely.

I want my children to be able to safely climb in the mountains and experience the same joy I have in our parks. Please reconsider the fixed anchor ban.