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Comments: I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposal to disallow fixed anchors in wilderness areas.

Fixed anchors are critical to ensuring safe access for climbers to these areas. Climbing has led me to visit wilderness areas I'd otherwise never consider visiting, and this is a statement that is true for many climbers.

Climbers are good stewards of these areas and provide an economic boost to the areas they visit.

A restriction like this would be unenforceable, and instead anchors should be allowed until an analysis or risk assessment specifically for that route finds there to be a safety concern that should prevent them.

It is important that existing bolts can be replaced when they become worn, and this proposal would make that difficult. Please reconsider - perhaps new fixed anchors and replacements can blend with the environment when feasible to prevent eyesores.

Thank you for your consideration.

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