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Comments: Greetings,

I am writing in response to the proposed ban on fixed anchors in America's Wilderness areas, in order to appeal to you to not move forward with said action. Fixed anchors are an essential part of a climber's safety system and to prohibit them would not only limit one's ability to safely engage in this activity in Wilderness areas, but would also greatly diminish the long legacy of climbing in the US. As a community, climbers are already mostly self regulating, and excessive bolting is a null issue as the wider climbing community already regards unnecessary bolts as being in bad style, a driving force behind why we climb in the first place. To ban bolted anchor systems in wilderness areas would make this sport and the use of our federally protected Wilderness areas less accessible for generations to come, and limit our ability to help a diversity of people to enjoy and care for these beautiful wilderness areas. Please don't make climbing a more dangerous and less accessible activity, and please don't ban fixed anchors in wilderness areas.

Thank you,

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