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Comments: Dear NPS,

My business is teaching surfing in Southern California. My hobby is climbing in the backcountry. It's a way for me to get away from the beach, but also get a thrill simulator to surfing where I can push my body and mind alike. It's a place that clears my mind and keeps me fit and at peace. In addition to climbing myself, I love to share the sport with the kids I coach. It's something new and exciting for them and takes us to beautiful locations. I have spent hours and days and years searching for beautiful new climbing areas all over the state and country. We climb locally in Anza Borrego and even closer at local crags in SD, but really enjoy going a few hour drive to Joshua Tree. Twice a year we frequent Yosemite once in spring and once in summer. Many of the climbs we do in Joshua tree and Yosemite don't have a natural crack system for placing removable gear. These climbs must be protected with fixed gear like bolts. When these bolts wear out, it is imperative that they are replaced. In some situations, bolts need to be added to make certain climbs safer. When bolting safely, strategically, and with the right equipment you can create a masterpiece that will last for decades. I have bolted a few local climbs close to me in the Bonsall/Fallbrook area. They have become the most climbed and highly rated climbs in northern San Diego County. One climb is "Stranger Danger" 5.10c on Mountain Project. This is my outlet and one of the things that brings me the most joy in life. Please reconsider prohibiting bolts and fixed anchors.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration while evaluating this topic,

John Daniels