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Comments: Thank you for taking the time to consider public input on this issue. As a outdoor enthusiast and climber for over 15 years, this decision would impact the way in which I recreate in the public lands you manage.

Fixed anchors are an essential piece of climbers' safety system and are not prohibited "installations" under the Wilderness Act. Following existing climbing policies that allow judicious use of fixed anchors for more than a half century will do more to protect Wilderness character while providing for primitive and unconfined Wilderness climbing.

Prohibiting fixed anchors obstructs appropriate exploration of Wilderness areas. Land managers need to allow climbers to explore Wilderness in a way that permits in-the-moment decisions that are necessary when navigating complex vertical terrain.

There is a rich history of climbing in America and prohibiting fixed anchors could erase some of the world's greatest climbing achievements. Climbing management policy should protect existing routes from removal so generations to come can experience the same joy from these significant routes.

Historically, and in my experience, climbers are ambassadors of wilderness conservation and passionately motivated to help preserve the resources we utilize. I appreciate the recognition of our voice on this issue, and believe that if asked, climbers will rise to the occasion of doing whatever it takes to create a sustainable agreement that will be suitable for the land management and climbing enthusiasts.

Thank you again for your time.