Data Submitted (UTC 11): 1/5/2024 12:26:38 AM

First name: Eric Last name: Nelson Organization:

Title:

Comments: I have been a climber for over 50 years and have climbed in national parks and other wilderness areas many times. I believe it is unreasonable for federal agencies to create new guidance policies prohibiting wilderness climbing anchors across the country when federal agencies have been authorized, allowed and properly managed fixed anchors for decades. Restricting the establishment of new routes to "existing climbing opportunities" on non-Wilderness lands is unenforceable. It will also create confusion among land managers and climbers. Non-Wilderness climbing management policy should maintain opportunities for new anchors unless and until analyses determine climbing should be restricted to protect cultural and natural resources.