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Comments: Hi guys,

I'm writing about the proposed restrictions on the use of fixed anchors in the national parks and forest lands. My wife and I are retired and live in Moab. I'm 67 years old and still active in climbing and visitation of remote areas of southern UT. We are commonly in Canyonlands and Arches National Park and in vast federal lands around them. I used to have a home at Joshua Tree, have climbed many hundreds of routes there, and I've climbed big walls in Yosemite, long routes in Teton National Park, etc.

Climbing is one of the many uses of federally protected lands, and it is reasonable to provide a framework for how, when and where fixed anchors can be used or added. Over two decades ago I was a member of the "Friends of Joshua Tree" and we had great working relationships with park staff.

Just like equestrian, biking and hiking, climbers need to fit into a framework of guidelines that respect others, but which allow continued use of lands. Many thousands of climbing routes exist in just the parks referenced in this letter so far. Outlawing their use would be an extreme measure which lacks rational thought.

Please continue to work with the Access Fund, whose leadership commonly deal with climbing access issues, and which is well-respected by climbers across the U.S.

Thank you for your consideration!