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Comments: To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to express my concern with the proposed fixed anchor ban. I am a 63-year-old father of 2 boys who recreates extensively in the Intermountain West where my family lives. We climb and canyoneer year-round in areas currently designated as Wilderness. The proposed ban will effectively prevent us from continuing these activities.

Fixed anchors, be they bolts, pitons, or slings, are an essential piece of our ascending and descending safety systems whether Climbing, Descending from a route or Canyoneering. Not being able to do these activities safely will deprive me of the opportunity to take my children to these places. It is completely unreasonable to create new policies now after allowing permanent anchors to be placed and maintained for 60 years.

I urge you not to implement the proposed fixed anchor ban.