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Comments: So many misrepresentations and conjecture with the proposed "Protecting America's Rock Climbing

Act" and proposals for Wilderness Fixed Anchor Guidelines

I am an avid climber with also years of Search and Rescue (SAR) experience in climbing areas. Unfortunately the proponents of fixed anchors in Wilderness (and other sensitive areas) have made total misrepresentations of "safety" as it is just cover for self interest that will actually increase "safety" problems as climbers "expect" safety rather than making correct decisions and using good judgement. The Wilderness has been climbed safely for generations with climbers using only temporary (not fixed) anchors that they remove.

The proposed Act and similar actions will degrade Wilderness and increase bad safety decisions by climbers expecting permanent and new or replaced anchors.

Allowing fixed anchors will do nothing to improve or maintain the economics of the outdoor industry.

There is already a proliferation of unauthorized and inappropriate anchors from selfish climbers that have placed anchors as part of their "project" route.

Proposed Wilderness Fixed Anchor Guidelines actions would only "legitimize" the continuation of installation of unauthorized and inappropriate anchors in the minds of many climbers.

Keep the Wild in Wilderness: do not support any fixed anchors or equipment in Wilderness.