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Comments: Hello,

I would like to voice my strong opposition to all parts of "Evaluation and Authorization Procedures for Fixed Anchors and Fixed Equipment in National Park Service Wilderness Areas." This plan is unnecessary, against the spirit of wilderness recreation, stifles climbing development, and puts an unneeded burden on the USFS.

I am a climber who has climbed in wilderness areas all over the country. Bolts and fixed anchors are essential for safety, and anything that changes the current ways in which bolts or fixed anchors are installed and used could have dangerous consequences. By and large, climbers are responsible users of wilderness, adhere to the already strict regulations, and try to minimize their impact on the land. There are rarely instances of climbers acting irresponsible or changing the nature of an area with bolts or fixed anchors, so bans or changes in policy around how these essential tools are used doesn't need to happen. Lastly, I am worried that any type of permit or application places undue onus on climbers and the USFS by creating additional administrative red tape that no one wants to or is capable of handling.

The "Evaluation and Authorization Procedures for Fixed Anchors and Fixed Equipment in National Park Service Wilderness Areas" is not needed, doesn't solve any problems, has the potential to create dangerous situations for climbers, and increases the bureaucracy for no reason. Reject this plan and let climbing be conducted the way it has for the last century.