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Comments: I am writing to supplement previously provided comments.

I am a canyoneer. My wife and I engaged in over 100 canyon descents in 2023, in states ranging from CA to UT to WA to AZ. Many of these canyons were in wilderness areas. Most of them required fixed bolts in order to descend them safely. Some had natural anchors that, were they to be used, would have caused environmental degradation: harming tree bark or disturbing delicate moss. Even the lack of a single bolt can make a canyon unsafe or impractical to descend.

Canyoneering is not climbing; it is a different sport entirely. Canyoneering anchors are designed and implemented very differently than climbing anchors.

The proposal to have land manager review every fixed bolt installation inside canyons is absurd and will clearly result in bureaucratic impediments to establishing or maintaining any canyoneering routes. This will cause irreparable harm to myself and to the canyoneering community. Most of the canyons we descend will no longer be accessible. Please revise your proposals and allow necessary bolting in canyons in wilderness areas. Thank you.