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Comments: To whom it may concern:

Climbing anchors, whether they involve the semi-permanent placement of climbing bolts and hangers into rock or soft goods such as ropes and webbing, are an essential part of wilderness climbing recreation. Prohibiting the future installation of fixed anchors by recreational climbers will hamstring the future of adventure climbing and will end an era of responsible (with scarce exceptions) development practices. In many wilderness areas, cultural climbing ethic dictate the minimal use of gear left behind. More restriction is likely to lead to riskier and more dangerous practices by climbers. Please consider allowing the continued use of fixed anchors. I think the best way forward would be to communicate to climbers with the goal of having them self-regulate. In almost all circumstances, climbers exhibited the ability to regulate themselves in regard to limitations on fixed anchors. We can continue to do so if agencies work with us rather than attempt to enforce guidelines and limitations without climber cooperation.

Thank you.