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Comments: I am writing to voice my view that the provisions stipulated in this proposal are simply backwards to the point of risking the lives of American citizens. I am a career nature conservationist with 20+ years in the field. In 2019 at one of the lowest points of my personal life I somehow stumbled into rock climbing at a local gym in Arlington, Virginia and subsequently began climbing outside. In 2023, I moved with my then fiancé from the DC area to Tucson for the incredible climbing that the Arizona wilderness has to offer. We have made many memories here and have learned to climb safely outdoors while gaining an appreciation for the incredible nature of Arizona. Climbing and wilderness protection have a rich history together. Conservation need not view climbing as a threat. However, when conservation proposes to alter climbing practices in dangerous ways, such as the prohibition of, or unrealistic application of process and oversight to, placement and maintenance of fixed gear, climbers are threatened. I am threatened and my wife is threatened. Please reconsider the development of these regulations in close collaboration with climbers and climbing stewardship groups like Access Fund. There is no need to step backwards in the face of all the amazing progress we have made. Climbing is an Olympic sport now, and yes, that is incredible. But that is born from the long and rich history of outdoor climbing that the United States and our nature stewardship agencies should be so proud of. Thank you for listening.