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Comments: I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposal to prohibit fixed anchors. Our family has recreated in the National Parks , National Forests and BLM lands for years (primarily through rock climbing and canyoneering, often relying on existing fixed anchors for our protection). My experience is that the existing recreating communities work diligently to maintain safety measures in these areas and I am concerned that the prohibition will severely impact everyone's ability (ours included) to enjoy these natural areas. I fear that the proposal will severely limit use of these natural areas for multiple reasons, including decreased safety as users may opt for less safe work-arounds, concern about legal issues if existing anchors are used and/or inability for the approved managers (my understanding is that this staffing is already stretched thin) to evaluate the anchors in a timely fashion (thereby making the approved areas even more congested and the neighboring environment impacted). Please consider an alternative plan to ensure continued, sustainable climbing access in designated wilderness.