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Comments: I am a member of the Southern Idaho Climbing Coalition residing in Twin Falls, ID. As a member, I support the coalition's mission to promote climbing, provide a resource for the responsible development and conservation of climbing areas, and encourage the etiquette, education, and safety of the Southern Idaho climbing community. I have concerns about the Evaluation and Authorization Procedures for Fixed Anchors and Fixed Equipment in National Park Service Wilderness Areas. I am concerned that categorizing fixed bolts and anchors as "prohibited installations" would jeopardize the safety and enjoyment of rock climbing in America. Fixed anchors are an essential piece of climbers' safety system. It is unreasonable for federal agencies to create new guidance policies prohibiting Wilderness climbing anchors. Prohibiting fixed anchors will create safety issues. Prohibiting fixed anchors obstructs appropriate exploration of Wilderness areas. Lastly, prohibiting fixed anchors will threaten America's rich climbing legacy.