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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

Having been an avid mountaineer/climber for the past 3 decades, I have used fixed anchors in the mountains extensively. These anchors are imperative and must be able to remain. I strongly disagree with the proposed directive which would greatly limit the installation of these essential anchors in the wilderness. I was actively climbing in the N. Cascades when the Park Service removed the rappel station on Forbidden Peak and a climber died due to rockfall (which would have been avoided if the rappel station had been left in tact). The resulting blanket ban on bolts is detrimental to the climbing community.

Please consider my comments and vote no on this new proposal. Thank you