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Comments: To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to comment on the unreasonable and negatively impactful policy changes documented in "Evaluation and Authorization Procedures for Fixed Anchors and Fixed Equipment in National Park Service Wilderness Areas". As written, its language would overturn 60 years of sustainable climbing stewardship in national parks, forest, and wilderness, and would reduce safety and access to our nation's wealth of parks for countless Americans.

As an avid outdoor climber, I know that fixed anchors are essential to climbers' safety. We've used this technology for decades, and it is unreasonable to create new guidance that retroactively removes this safety technology. Prohibiting these anchors will prevent people from fully using our wilderness areas.

All the best, Braden O'Guinn