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Comments: To whom it may sway,

I humbly request you listen to those voicing their opinions against the unnecessary legislation prohibiting fixed anchors in Americas wilderness areas. As a group of outdoor enthusiasts, us climbers explore these wilderness areas in Americas most beautiful landscapes in a unique way. The fixed anchors and maintenance of these fixed anchors provide us a sustainable and safe means to travel these climbing routes and enjoy America's iconic parks and wilderness areas. Not only would the prohibition of these fixed anchors endanger safe exploration but it would threaten America's climbing legacy. This new legislation threatens the safety of our community, as fixed anchors are critical in our safety systems, and unravels decades of authorized fixed anchors systems.

Wilderness areas are intended for use and exploration and this new legislation risks upending decades of safe exploration and threatens the outdoor community as a whole.

Most of our climbing community members are extraordinary environmental stewards and taking this community out of our wilderness areas not only threatens use but threatens the upkeep of these areas as we are often the trail maintenance workers and leave no trace advocates of these outdoor communities.

I hope you can take this opinion into consideration.

- Marissa Bullock