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Comments: As a climber of 25 years, I want to ensure the safe and responsible use of fixed anchors in the Sierra Nevada and all US Wilderness areas remains available to the climbing community. I respect and advocate for the responsible use of Wilderness areas and believe that fixed anchors can be a component of a sustainable Wilderness experience. Please revise your climbing guidance to reflect the practice and precedent of the last 60+ years-that fixed anchors for climbing can be used, replaced, and maintained in designated areas.

Other use groups have far greater impacts on our Wilderness areas. The trails, campsites, human waste, trash, and fishing line tangles produced by hikers, backpackers, fishermen, and equestrians are a far greater impact than judicious use of fixed anchors in wilderness areas.

Banning all fixed anchors would provide a negligible benefit to minimizing human impact to our wilderness areas, while significantly impacting the safety of climbers.

Thanks you for your consideration,

Paul Belitz