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Comments: Hello,

As a climber, I want to ensure the safe and responsible use of fixed anchors in wilderness, parks, forests, and other areas remains available to the climbing community. Climbers all over the country have been improving upon installations, hardware, and other safety equipment and they are put in use by trusted members of the community. Fixed anchors have been a life saver for most if not all climbers and more than that, really proved that climbing can be made safer for everyone who chooses to partake in the activity. Prohibiting these installations and/or removing existing anchors endangers climbers all over and is a major step backwards for our community as well as any community that uses our anchors for safety.

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.

Thank you, Neil