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Hello,

As an avid rock climber, I like to plan my family vacations to areas of the country where there are already systems of fixed anchors. I know that this will be less work for me during my vacation time, and that while I need to inspect them, I can expect an ease of use by my family. A few other thoughts:

-Fixed anchors are essential. Where they don't exist, there are often piles of tattered webbing left behind, which is both unsafe and unsightly.

-I have climbed in many wilderness areas and utilized fixed anchors on prior trips over a two decade climbing career. It seems unreasonable to now create new guidance prohibiting these anchors, and even more unreasonable to consider removing anchors that have already been installed.

-Often these fixed anchors are the only means of accessing the deep wilderness. If they did not exist on El Capitan, for instance, the national event of the Dawn Wall would not have been possible.

-Please preserve this rich climbing history and the use of fixed anchors in wilderness areas as a safety tool.

-Restricting the establishment of new routes on non-wilderness lands is confusing to users and land managers. Non-wilderness climbing management policy should maintain opportunities for new anchors.

Thank you for your time.