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Comments: I'm sure there are many testimonials about the technical aspects of why the new proposed rules demonstrably harm America's climbing by people more qualified than me. So on a more personal note, rock climbing is the primary way in which I, and thousands of others, experience, enjoy, and connect with natural areas, especially in Wilderness zones. When practiced correctly, rock climbing is by and large a safe and sublime experience, and fixed anchors are an absolutely essential component of both ascending and (perhaps more importantly) descending safely. Besides being unreasonable, essentially unenforceable, and a gross reversal of decades of policy regulating wilderness climbing, prohibiting fixed anchor installation will-without doubt-lead to serious safety concerns by climbers making risky decisions with sub-par natural protection, parties forced to attempt contrived and dangerous descents, parties unable to safely and quickly retreat when things like sudden weather changes or injuries happen, and by the inability to replace compromised anchors-to name a few. This proposal also threatens the important history of American climbing and eliminates the chance for current and future generations to connect with this history or to explore and connect with Wilderness areas in the way that we have been doing for decades. As for the proposal to limit non-Wilderness climbing to "existing opportunities," is both confusing and needlessly restrictive, prohibiting lawful and just use of natural areas and adding superfluous bureaucratic hurdles.