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Comments: I have been a rock climber for over 30 years and have enjoyed my time in the wilderness. It has given me opportunities to see parts of the country that I would not have visited if not for climbing.

Part of climbing is fixed anchors. Whether climbs are bolted sport climbs, bolted traditional climbs or traditional climbs, the anchors makes getting down safely. There are many instances where topping out and walking off is not possible and rappelling is the only option. These anchors and being able to replace them as they age are important for my safety. Anchors are an important safety system to climbing.

Since climbing anchors have been allowed in the wilderness with climbing groups working with the federal agencies, taking it away is unreasonable. This has been allowed for decades and now it will be gone.

By prohibiting fixed anchors, this will jeopardize the future of climbing along with the former climbs. This will severely limit exploration of new climbs. As a user to the wilderness, this has allowed me to learn about the area and how to protect it.

By keeping new routes to existing areas on non-wilderness lands is going to be confusing for the land managers and climbers and is unenforceable. Non-wilderness climbing policy should allow for new anchors unless it deems to be protected for cultural or natural reasons.

The last part is that I'm a father and I've been able to take my children to the wilderness and they have the same love, appreciation and wanting to protect this incredible landscape.