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Comments: Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Banning fixed anchors in wilderness areas is an extreme and unnecessary measure that will have no impact on the surrounding ecosystem but will effectively prohibit rock climbing in these areas. Fixed anchors have always been a part of the sport of climbing whether they be bolts, pitons, slings, etc. They have no impact on the surrounding plants and animals in an area (they're just pieces of metal and just a few inches being put into rock) and minimal impact on the enjoyment of these areas by others. You cannot see any fixed anchors when looking up at a peak or mountain for instance, they are much too small.

Banning fixed anchors will make safely climbing in wilderness areas nearly impossible. And any program set up to "authorize" fixed anchors just won't be able to work at a reasonable efficiency needed. Climbing brings a lot of joy and purpose to the lives of many people and the pros (if there are any) of banning fixed anchors simply is not worth the damage done for people's ability to enjoy these wilderness areas.

Over time climbers have worked to help upkeep and preserve the wilderness we use. And have tried to limit the impact we have on these wild places. Banning fixed anchors will destroy the relationship between climbers and land managers in these areas rather than these groups working together to preserve the places we love.