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Comments: Hello,

As a longtime climber and someone who has greatly enjoyed climbing in our national parks, this new guidance would dramatically impact our small sport.

Fixed anchors are essential for climbers' safety and have been already used in a very judicious manner. Federal agencies also would be unreasonable in setting new guidance when Wilderness climbing anchors across the country have been allowed and managed for decades.

By preventing fixed anchors, these rules will decrease safety and increase environmental impact. Additionally, these prohibitions would obstruct my ability to explore our Wilderness Areas.

Prohibiting fixed anchors will threaten America's rich climbing legacy and could erase some of the world's greatest climbing achievements. Climbing management policy needs to protect existing routes from removal.

Restricting the establishment of new routes to "existing climbing opportunities" on non-Wilderness lands is unenforceable and will create confusion amongst land managers and climbers. Non-Wilderness climbing management policy should maintain opportunities for new anchors unless and until analyses determine climbing should be restricted to protect cultural and natural resources.