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Comments: Hello,

As a passionate climber, I'd like to submit feedback on the proposal about fixed anchors. They are an essential piece of climbers' safety system. Following existing climbing policies that allow judicious use of fixed anchors for more than a half century will do more to protect Wilderness character while providing for primitive and unconfined Wilderness climbing.

Prohibiting fixed anchors will create massive safety issues by imposing unnecessary obstacles to the regular maintenance of fixed anchors, a responsibility undertaken by the climbing community. Critical safety decisions often must be made in the moment and any authorization process should not impede those decisions.

Thank you,

Andrew