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Comments: Hello,

Fixed gear in wilderness areas is essential for safe climbing. A prohibition on bolting would erase the history and safety on climbing routes. This is SUCH an important issue for climbers. As someone who has climbed in wilderness areas, such as the Wind Rivers, I was thankful for my safety in that there were fixed rappel anchors. I think many more people would risk being injured or killed without fixed gear in the mountains. Having fixed gear does not take away from the wilderness feeling up there. If anything, trails are much more detrimental to the environment.

Please listen to climbers, we are in overwhelming opposition to this.

Thank you!

Andrea, a climber from Salt Lake City