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I am writing to express my concern and opposition to the proposed ban on new fixed anchors in wilderness areas. Currently, fixed anchors are an allowable use, and the climbing community is fully committed to engaging in discussions and regulations, both internally and with local land management. We understand the importance of responsible climbing practices and are willing to work collaboratively to ensure the preservation of our natural landscapes.

The proposed classification of fixed anchors as installations, effectively leading to a ban unless explicitly permitted after review, raises significant apprehensions within the climbing community. We believe that starting from a position where fixed anchors are assumed to be banned undermines the collaborative spirit that has characterized our relationship with local authorities. We are committed to working together to strike a balance between our recreational pursuits and the conservation of our precious wilderness areas.

Climbers are not opposed to regulation; rather, we seek an open dialogue and a fair consideration of the impact and benefits of fixed anchors. We understand the need for environmental stewardship and are willing to contribute to the development of guidelines that ensure sustainable climbing practices without resorting to an outright ban.

It is our sincere hope that you will reconsider this proposal and engage in a more comprehensive discussion with the climbing community to formulate regulations that protect our wilderness areas while preserving the access to this beloved recreational activity. We are open to collaboration and committed to finding common ground that respects both the environment and the interests of the climbing community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to the opportunity for constructive dialogue.

Sincerely,

Steve Sarver