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Comments: Hello...I am writing to say that I am a climber and a wilderness advocate in general. I have two young daughters who I mentor climbing outdoors. In the past I have held seasonal positions with both The National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service as a wilderness ranger and a backcountry ranger. Climbing is a legitimate recreational use of our public lands, an activity that allows for an intimate interaction and relationship with the wilderness; additionally, climbing anchors and bolts are a necessary tool to allow for this legitimate activity to be done safely. Implementing these restrictions on allowing future bolting and/or disallowing existing anchors would be unreasonable at best; at worst, it would rob current and future generations of the opportunity to enjoy our wilderness areas in a way that is consistent with the celebration and protection of such areas in the United States.

Thank you for your time and consideration.