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Comments: Hello,

Climbing is a hobby that myself and thousands of others find great joy in, and I have had multitudes of incredible wilderness experiences climbing routes that were made possible by the installation of fixed anchors, graciously provider by the route developers or other parties. Fixed anchors make climbing safer and climbing ethics and the community do an incredible job of moderating the frequency and total number of bolts placed on a climb to what is reasonable. Fixed anchors have been allowed in wilderness areas for decades and prohibiting them will lead to safety issues. Removing and prohibiting fixed anchors can also harm our great legacy of climbing achievements.

I oppose the proposal and do not believe it is an appropriate interpretation of the wilderness act - It is an unprovoked attack against the climbing community. A community which has the utmost respect for wilderness, and has been leading the charge with maintaining these areas (see Yosemite Facelift or the climbing rangers there)