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Comments: I am very concerned about the proposed ban on fixed anchors within federal lands. As a climber, I rely on this hardware to safely navigate the routes that I climb and descend. Climbers have been stewards of wilderness for decades and spend a lot of time and effort to make access and use of these areas safe and protected. I consider myself a conservationist as well as a climber and work for a non-profit which aids wildlife. It may seem like climbing access to remote and wild areas is contradictory to conservation but they work in harmony by taking responsibility for the condition of climbing areas and their surroundings. Having strong partnerships is crucial to maintain the balance of pristine nature and the use of wilderness areas. The agencies that manage federal lands and the climbing community have been successful at working together and I hope they will continue to do so.

Thank you for your time,

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