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Comments: As a long time climber, conservationist, and lover of the wilderness I am strongly in support of the PARC act. Placing fixed anchors for climbing has been going on far before the Wilderness Act of 1964 and has continued in wilderness areas for the past 39 years. In very few situations has it led to harm to the surrounding environment and has never led to the development of "sport routes" in wilderness. The vast majority of climbing routes in wilderness follow natural crack systems and use bolts sparingly to link blank faces to other crack systems that can be naturally protected. This is akin to a bridge crossing a river along a trail through the wilderness.

Climbers have long been some of the strongest advocates and supporters of wilderness and conservation. A universal ban on fixed anchors would be a strong blow to the climbing community and decrease the safety of many world class routes throughout the United States while doing little to keep the wilderness wild.

Sincerely,

Cody Hood