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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my opinion on fixed anchors/equipment in NPS wilderness area.

Fixed anchors are essential for the safety of rock climbers, and they are not prohibited "installations" under the wilderness act. Rock climbing has been an integral part of many peoples lives including my own, and has allowed us to enjoy the outdoors, as well as gain further respect for the environment. Many will be devastated if new policies are introduced to prohibit climbing anchors, as we have been appreciating the safety they have provided us for the past decades.

Most rock climbers are deeply invested in the activity, and if a policy like this is introduced, it will not prevent them climbing, it will only drive up the risk level. With this, we will see more accidents, and SAR programs will feel the brunt of this pain. This will also take away SAR resources from other outdoor accidents that may occur.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my thoughts.

Sincerely,

Julia Maimone