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Comments: As an opponent of the proposed directive, I firmly assert that recreational climbing in wilderness areas constitutes a valid and historically significant use of these lands. The proposed prohibition on fixed anchors fails to acknowledge the long-standing tradition of responsible climbing practices and disregards the vital role fixed anchors play in ensuring climbers' safety. By imposing unnecessary obstacles to the maintenance of fixed anchors, the draft policy jeopardizes not only the safety of climbers but also the integrity of America's rich climbing legacy. Wilderness areas should accommodate a diversity of recreational activities, including climbing, while still prioritizing the preservation of wilderness character and environmental stewardship. Any management approach must recognize the legitimacy of climbing as a compatible and valued use of wilderness lands.