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Comments: Wilderness areas have a longstanding climbing legacy that needs to be protected. I personally have enjoyed many days on such routes, and they have allowed me to explore some of this country's most unique and beautiful places. Making these routes much more inaccessible and potentially more dangerous by removing and prohibiting fixed anchors is of major concern to the climbing community and beyond. We are talking about people's safety here. I do not believe this is the best way to go about keeping our wilderness areas as pristine as possible and efforts could be better used in other ways that would positively impact more peoples experiences and the natural ecosystem present, ex. graffiti, unestablished trails, fire rings removal, resource extraction, to name a few. Please reconsider these proposed policies and help keep Americas pastime and a largely popularizing sport alive and well! Thanks for your time.