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Comments: Hello,

I am writing today to speaking about an opposition to the current Wilderness Act. This would disseminate many of the current climbing areas. Climbing is hard and I believe in America today people of all ages need to be able to recreate in difficult activities. America has a long history of climbing. This is also a matter of national security. Many of the soldiers in the mountain divisions learned their craft before entering the military. The Wilderness Act would severely prohibit climbing access and therefore America's military may lose skilled climbers in the future. People should be able to access these areas with safe fixed anchors. Compared to other sports such as mountain biking climbing is a relatively safe activity. The Wilderness Act would make this less safe. There will be deaths directly related to the removal of fixed anchors in wilderness areas.