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Comments: I am a former US Park Service and US Forest Service climbing ranger.

Fixed anchors are necessary for safe mountain travel. I support the use of existing fixed and future anchors on public lands including wilderness areas. Safe and maintained fixed anchors can make mountain travel much safer. Please work with local climbers, guide services and other advocates to help support and maintain safe climbing anchors.

The current proposal will make climbing significantly more dangerous, and destroy historical climbing routes. Climbing is a big part of wilderness and history. This proposal is going the wrong direction in regards to climbing history, sustainability and the safety of climbers.