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Comments: The proposal to prohibit wilderness fixed climbing anchors and equipment is a serious detriment to the safety of climbers and to the enjoyment of our great wilderness areas.

For the past 50 years climbers and land managers have worked together to introduce and maintain climbing fixed equipment in a sustainable way. This proposal would upend that process and make it harder for all parties involved to climb safely and to manage the land.

This proposal would only create situations where climbers are forced to break regulations for their own safety as there are many situations where fixed anchors are needed to be installed in the moment to ensure the safety of everyone on the mountain.

This proposal is short sighted and does not take into account climbing safety, climbing history and the procedures already in place for land managers and climbers working together currently.

This proposal would be a serious blow to the safety and enjoyment of our wilderness areas.