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Comments: I am recommending the following for consideration:

- 1) The withdrawal of the draft guidance, and instead, establish a study group that includes representation from the industry, particularly the camp industry, to determine the potential impact of these restrictions;
- 2) The continued use of existing fixed anchors without further review, unless there are site-specific resource concerns;
- 3) Allowing the maintenance of existing fixed anchors without prior approval, unless there are site-specific resource concerns; and
- 4) The authorization and placement of new fixed anchors in the wilderness with a simple and efficient permitting process that does not require an MRA, as is current practice under NPS Director's Order 41.
- 5) Creation of a Study Group with participation from the camp industry in the development of any guidelines related to climbing activities in the wilderness or wild areas.

Thank you so much for your kind consideration!