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Comments: As a summer camp professional, on behalf of our camp, I respectfully request the withdrawal of the National Park Service and USDA Forest Service draft guidance that would restrict the use of fixed anchor positions and instead establish a study group that includes representation from the industry, particularly the camp industry, to determine the potential impact of these restrictions. Specifically, we respectfully ask for:

(1) the continued use of existing fixed anchors without further review, unless there are site-specific resource concerns;

(2) allowing the maintenance of existing fixed anchors without prior approval, unless there are site-specific resource concerns;

(3) 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; and

(4) the 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 for your consideration of our concerns.