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Comments: I'm reaching out to share my worries about the recent proposals by the National Park Service (NPS) and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) that would ban fixed anchors like bolts, pitons, and slings in Wilderness areas. As a regular climber, this has got me pretty concerned about our safety and the future of climbing in these awesome spots.

Here are the main things I want to highlight:

- 1. **Keeping Safe:** Fixed anchors are crucial for our safety, and we've been using them responsibly for ages. Banning them under the Wilderness Act just doesn't make sense and could make climbing less safe.
- 2. **Tradition Matters:** We've been following climbing rules that allowed fixed anchors for a long time. It seems strange to change this now.
- 3. **Safety First:** Banning fixed anchors could make it harder for us to maintain climbing routes safely. Sometimes, quick decisions are needed, and we don't want any new rules getting in the way.
- 4. **Exploring Wilderness:** If we can't use fixed anchors, it makes exploring wilderness areas a real challenge. We need the flexibility to make decisions as we go.
- 5. **Preserving Climbing History:** Banning fixed anchors could erase some of the best climbing routes and achievements. Let's not mess with the great climbing legacy we've got.

I'm asking you to reconsider these proposals and think about how they affect us climbers. Also, I'm all for supporting the Protecting America's Rock Climbing Act and America's Outdoor Recreation Act - they seem like a better way to manage climbing while keeping things safe and fun.

Thanks for taking the time to read this. I hope we can work together to find a solution that keeps climbing awesome and safe.

Cheers.