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Comments: As a tax paying voter, and an avid recreational climber this is a very serious issue to me. An issue that I will consider heavily in my voting. I consider myself an environmentalist and part of a user group that is very conscientious about our impact on the wilderness. Climbing without the ability to have fixed anchors is both a safety concern and an unreasonable comparison to consider anchors as an installation (I.e. paved trails, affixed cables/lines to trails, bathrooms, etc).

As a climber that has witnessed a deadly ground fall as the result of a rappelling accident, the idea of not allowing fixed anchors at many climbing areas is very alarming. With the growing number of climbers entering the sport, and a lack of universal knowledge of how to build a proper anchor, the number of fatal falls will likely increase with this ruling.

I am opposed to this consideration of banning bolts and anchors in wilderness areas, and believe strongly fixed anchors should not be considered an installation as defined in this proposal.

Thank you.