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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to voice my opposition to the new policies that have been drafted in regard to wilderness climbing and fixed anchors. For multiple generations climbers have been exploring wilderness areas in a sustainable fashion. The new policies would encourage unsafe climbing with questionable safety protection in these areas. Climbers have always been good stewards of the wilderness as it is something we hold dear. This appropriate use of the wilderness should not be curtailed by blanket proclamations when local administrators have been doing a fine job of tailoring any needed restrictions to the specific areas in question. In addition, restricting new climbs to "existing climbing opportunities" is a confusing and unenforceable policy. New anchors should be prohibited if and when an official analysis shows an actual need for that, as when protecting peregrine nesting or cultural resources. Fixed climbing anchor maintenance needs to be managed in a way that encourages safe anchor placement and replacement. Please don't destroy the legacy of wilderness climbing in America.

Thank you for your time,

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