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Comments: As a dedicated climber with years of experience, I want to express my deep concern regarding the proposed classification of climbing fixed anchors as "prohibited installations" in Wilderness areas. Climbing has been an integral part of my exploration of these pristine environments, and I believe that prohibiting fixed anchors could obstruct the appropriate and responsible exploration of Wilderness areas.

Fixed anchors play a crucial role in ensuring safety and preserving the delicate ecosystems by minimizing environmental impact. Instead of a blanket prohibition, I urge the National Park Service to consider a balanced approach that involves collaboration with the climbing community to establish guidelines that promote sustainable climbing practices while preserving the inherent values of Wilderness areas.

Thank you for your dedication to the preservation of our natural treasures, and I hope my perspective contributes to the ongoing dialogue around this important issue.

Sincerely,

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