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Comments: The following is a reiteration of Climbing community standard opposition to the proposed rule changes on wilderness fixed anchors, but my own opinion is that the consideration of this rule change is disrespectful, dangerous, and implementation of it WILL KILL people. PUBLIC LAND IS NOT OWNED BY THE AGENCIES THAT MANAGE IT. IT IS A COLLECTIVE RESOURCE THAT IS OPEN TO ALL FOR THE ENJOYMENT AND RECREATION POTENTIALS THEREIN. IF BY THE STROKE OF A PEN THESE BUREAUCRACIES SEEK TO KILL THOUSANDS OF THE BRIGHTEST MOST BADASS COLLECTION OF CITIZENS THAT THIS COUNTRY HAS TO OFFER, THEN BY ALL MEANS PROCEEDED WITH THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGES. AND SHAME, SHAME, SHAME UPON YOU.

Fixed anchors are an essential piece of climbers' safety system and are not prohibited "installations" under the Wilderness Act. Following existing climbing policies that allow judicious use of fixed anchors for more than a half century will do more to protect Wilderness character while providing for primitive and unconfined Wilderness climbing.

It is unreasonable for federal agencies to create new guidance policies prohibiting Wilderness climbing anchors across the country when they have allowed, managed, and authorized fixed anchors for decades.

Prohibiting fixed anchors will create safety issues by imposing unnecessary obstacles to the regular maintenance of fixed anchors, a responsibility undertaken by the climbing community. Critical safety decisions often must be made in the moment and any authorization process should not impede those decisions. Fixed anchor maintenance needs to be managed in a way that incentivizes safe anchor replacement and does not risk the removal of climbing routes.

Prohibiting fixed anchors obstructs appropriate exploration of Wilderness areas. Land managers need to allow climbers to explore Wilderness in a way that permits in-the-moment. decisions that are necessary when navigating complex vertical terrain.

Prohibiting fixed anchors will threaten America's rich climbing legacy and could erase some of the world's greatest climbing achievements. Climbing management policy needs to protect existing routes from removal.

Restricting the establishment of new routes to existing climbing opportunities on non-Wilderness lands is unenforceable and will create confusion amongst land managers and climbers. Non-Wilderness climbing management policy should maintain opportunities for new anchors unless and until analyses determine climbing should be restricted to protect cultural and natural resources.

Again, to reiterate, THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGES WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS of thousands of people in the coming decades, if they are implemented. I do not want to lose friends or my own life because of the incompetence of office workers in Washington DC. Go climb a rock.