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Comments: I'd like to write in to express my concern for comprehensive fixed anchor ban or removal to fix anchors from wilderness. As a climber all about 15 years I have many formative and memorable experience climbing and enjoying the wilderness as as a part of climbing. I believe that this ban will harm the overall purpose of the Wilderness areas North America which is that they are meant to be preserved for recreation and enjoyment of the taxpayers and people of North America. A minority User Group whom is radical in their thought pattern and unwilling to agree to any middle ground on the issue of fixed anchors has currently proposed a ban and this seems to have caught the ear of lawmakers.

I believe that access to climbing and Wilderness areas that includes the use of fixed anchors is important for many reasons. This primarily revolves around the use of wilderness in a recreational manner in order to maintain a strong public interest for the preservation of these Wilderness areas. The use of wilderness through climbing does not endanger or threaten it's existence, rather climbers are one of the strongest proponents of preservation and and creation of public use land. Alienation of climbers and ultimately, all user groups will jeopardize our public lands to an extent that doesn't seem obvious currently.

I would instead suggest that we do not ban the use of fixed anchors in wilderness but rather submit into codification the use of fixed anchors for permanent acknowledgment of a legitimate and intended use of public lands in particularly are Wilderness areas. As a people we need to come together and realize that the only to keep our public lands accessible is to maintain public interest to recreational opportunities. Thank you for considering