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Comments: Thank you for providing us the opportunity to submit comments about this issue.

I strongly support the continued use of fixed anchors and fixed equipment within National Forest Service lands. Fixed anchors provide a higher level of safety for all climbers.

So many climbing routes require the use of fixed anchors and fixed equipment that this policy would essentially close these routes forever for most climbers. This would be a huge mistake as it would devastate these areas' climbing and recreation opportunities.

Wilderness protection and sustainable safe access are not mutually exclusive. The anchor systems that climbers use allow the public to experience the very things that our national parks define as Wilderness: outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.

Park visitors need appropriate and sustainable access to our public lands in order to support local economies, healthy communities, and future conservation initiatives.

I'm asking you to please allow the continued and appropriate use of fixed anchors and fixed equipment within the Park and designated wilderness areas.

Sincerely,
Jeff Martin