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Comments: The proposed Ban on Fixed Anchors and Fixed equipment does not account for the fact that anchors are an essential piece of climbers' safety system and are not prohibited "installations" under the Wilderness Act. It represents a turn around from their decades of use in Wilderness areas, and threatens tourism and commerce as well as United States climbing heritage - all of which could be managed in different methods instead of a full ban.

Any solution should include climbers, local and national politicians, park and wilderness officials, and landowners to work together to arrive at regional, park, and site specific regulations that can be sensibly enforced and minimize confusion - THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE OF MANY FOREST SERVICE AREAS. As a climber and park/wilderness enthusiast, I want to embrace preserving delicate and pristine areas and work to maintain those for future generations. A national ban misses the opportunity to allow evaluation, study, and discussion that will allow "good" decision making and balance to enjoying our spaces today and for the future. Thanks!