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Comments: Dear Agency Representatives:

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the draft fixed anchor/equipment wilderness procedures. As a long time climber who has relocated their family to Salt Lake City for the local climbing opportunities, I urge the park service to reconsider the proposed fixed anchor policies outlined. Little Cottonwood Canyon within the Unita-Wasatch-Cache National Forest provides a prime example of the impact of the draft policy on long established climbing areas located within Wilderness Areas. The proposed policy undermines the long standing collaborative relationship between the USFS and the local climbing community through the Salt Lake Climbers Alliance. The proposed policy would severely restrict the ability for the replacement of existing & long established climbing anchors to ensure safe recreation in the area. I urge the USFS to revise the blanket policy to utilize local, location specific climbing management plans to ensure existing, and future, legitimate climbing opportunities within wilderness areas around the county are maintained and retained. Thank you.