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Comments: Dear NPS and USFS,

I am writing to comment on the proposed policy of prohibiting climbing protection, anchors and bolts, in the wilderness. I strongly oppose any ban on fixed climbing anchors and bolts in United States Wilderness areas. The climbing community can serve as a major advocate for wilderness preservation and has a strong environmental ethic that can be strengthened by smart policies. Reasonable policies regarding climbing anchors and fair use of wilderness areas would be well supported and enforced by the climbing community, provided there is community input. An outright ban on anchors would be dangerous for climbers, lead to installation of unsightly and damaging rogue anchors, and lead the climbing and hiking communities to disrespect NPS and USFS rules that are dangerous or unreasonable. Please consider enacting policies that can preserve wilderness as well as allow for exploration and adventure, including rock climbing.

Sincerely,

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