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Comments: Hello,

I'm writing to express my concern over the potential changes to banning fixed anchors on federal lands. I have worked as a Mountain Guide for 31 years and the focus of banning fixed anchors puts my career in jeopardy. Climbing is an established activity and providing access for underrepresented groups and people is part of my focus. Getting young people into the mountains helps maintain mental health and an appreciation for our wild places.

I believe in protecting Americas pristine places and I do not see fixed anchors as changing this ideal. In fact anchors such as bolts reduce impact by replacing nylon slings that wear down really quickly. In addition nylon anchors which would also be banned are a required regress method that is hard to predict when and wear they would need to be place due to the lack of fixed anchors currently.

Please consider allowing fixed anchors in a responsible and sustainable way.

Kind Regards,

Dale Remsberg