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Comments: I am a climber and climbing instructor, and climbing has been an incredibly transformational way for me to connect with our nation's public lands. Please do not change the procedures for fixed anchors and fixed equipment in National Forest System lands. Rather, provide land managers across the country a standardized understanding of climbing as a legitimate use of Wilderness, as has been the case for decades.

Ultimately, the fixed anchors climbers use should not be prohibited in Wilderness because they are compatible with Wilderness character, they are necessary to the safety of climbers, and they help climbers sustainably interact with the Wilderness environment.

I'm asking you to support policies that help America's land management agencies to recognize the appropriateness of recreational climbing and protect the techniques necessary for recreational climbing in America's wild places. Americans need sustainable access to our public lands in order to support local economies, healthy communities, and future conservation initiatives. I hope you will support the historic uses of America's Wilderness, reduce unnecessary red tape, and provide certainty for rural and gateway communities that depend on recreation tourism by upholding the sustainable use of fixed anchors.