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Comments: I am opposed to the proposal limiting the use of fixed anchors in wilderness areas. Such anchors are not "installations," but rather essential safety equipment for climbers. Climbers have historically been stewards of the wild places in the United States and responsible wilderness users. The proposed restrictions put climbers such as myself and all the members of the climbing community, including many close friends and family members, at great risk. The proposed change is unreasonable given the historical precedent of using fixed anchors responsibly for the appropriate use and exploration of these wild places we hold dear. Climbers have managed and maintained these critical safety measures for decades, and the proposed legislation would not only over write the rich history of climbing in the United States, but also put a great number of people at risk of serious injury or death by taking critical decision making options out of their hands.