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Comments: Greetings,

I have been climbing for 50 years in wilderness areas in the continental USA and Alaska. I am both surprised and disappointed that this agency has proposed a plan to restrict and control fixed anchors used for climbing and canyoneering in wilderness areas. If implemented, this proposal would reduce the ability for humans to travel safely on vertical terrain in the wilderness.

While I realize this is a comment period, I would ask that you question:

- a. which individuals proposed and pushed these regulations;
- b. why you all think these regulations are necessary; and
- c. why you think they would improve human's wilderness experience.

Also consider that US agencies do not have the resources, and sometime lack the expertise, to produce and maintain the relevant plans to effectively manage climbing in wilderness areas.

To summarize: this proposal is not a good idea. Please reject it in its entirety.

Thank you,

~Mike Pantelich