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Comments: Hello, My name is Caroline. I have been a climber for the past few of years, having had the privilege of enjoying routes in several classified wilderness areas such as Red River gorge, Yosemite, and various locations in Arkansas.

Preservation of this beautiful and ecologically important land is unarguably a priority of mine, and a large majority of the climbing community's. However, I believe that the proposed legislation of case by case MRA analysis will ultimately become a massive safety issue within our community.

It is imperative that climbers be able to replace fixed anchors in a safe and efficient way to avoid severe injuries and death in the wilderness. I fear that adding additional barriers to replacing necessary safety equipment will lead to preventable injuries and possible deaths in the wilderness, that will not only be tragic, but also further stress our park systems' resources.

The proposed permit applications would require foresight that often is not possible to have until you are on route. This prohibits in the moment safety decisions, ultimately putting climbers in unsafe positions. I ask that you reconsider this notion in the policy, and allow climber to legally make these in the moment decisions that effect their safety.

Thank you for your consideration.