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Comments: Please reconsider banning fixed anchors in wilderness areas! But instead please consider working with the access fund and other local climbing organizations to come to a fair and reasonable alternative. Climber anchors provide a safe way up and down rock faces and can be done in subtle ways that do not cause eye sores, as well as sustainability and minimal impact on the rock. As a recovering addict, climbing has given me an outlet to express myself and also to keep my mental health in check. This way of getting into nature and also interacting has been everything to me and I would love to spend the rest of my life doing so, as well as exposing others and showing them the proper way to recreate and how to care for these areas! Please consider me when you make your decision!

Thank you

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