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Comments: I am writing to oppose the proposed ban on fixed bolts and anchors that are used for rock climbing purposes. This ban is poorly planned and would lead to many undesirable and unintended consequences. It also would undermine many existing negotiations, agreements, and well planned arrangements between local climbing access groups and wilderness area authorities across the USA that pre-date this proposal and have taken decades to achieve. There is also no reason to propose such a universal restriction across so many diverse wilderness environments that each have their own unique considerations, history, and environmental preservation strategies. The ban is much too far over-reaching and rushed to be carried out effectively. It is also strongly opposed by the public. I live right next to National Park land and this ban would drastically affect my life and the experiences that I'm creating for my children. We utilize fixed anchors to safely navigate vertical terrain on a routine basis and I'm concerned for the safety of my loved ones if those were to be removed. Consider it murder, because it will result in the unintended death of many people's loved ones without any good reason for it. Safety is more important, please stop this ban.