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Comments: Bolts, slings, and pitons are required for safely accessing and enjoying most rock climbs. Banning them will create an unsafe environment and promote a cultural of antagonism between land managers and climbers. These components of our safety system are not "installations" as defined by the wilderness act.

Retroactively defining fixed anchors as installations is unfair and unnecessary when the existing approach has worked well since the 1950s.

I want no part in climbing on anchors which are left to deteriorate and are considered illegal to maintain. This policy could result in avoidable injuries and even deaths. Safety must be prioritized.

I am looking forward to introducing my children to the rock climbs which I have enjoyed for decades. I do not want their safety or their ability to enjoy these wilderness areas to be jeopardized due to a reinterpretation of a rule.

I encourage you to adopt a policy which promotes safety, and cooperation between the climbing community and land managers.

Respectfully,

David Johnson