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Comments: Rock climbing on park lands has been a past time of myself and many many people for as long as rock climbing has been around. It's critically important that we protect wilderness lands but also allow for safe (as safe as realistically possible) rock climbing.

The sections of this proposal that essentially ban fixed anchors like bolts are absurd and go against years of climbing history and ethics. In MANY areas, fixed bolt anchors are the only protection available in a particular climbing area. Also in MANY areas, fixed bolt anchors have PROTECTED the trees and sensitive areas at the tops of cliffs due to redirecting use of anchoring to trees to the almost invisible bolt anchors.

When properly installed and properly maintained, fixed anchors protect this countries wilderness areas from needless destruction and erosion caused by cliftop disturbances caused by anchoring to trees and bushes.

I sincerely hope you will reconsider the terms of disastrous proposal and protect rock climbing in our parks as well as protect our trees from needless wear and tear when fixed anchors are readily available.