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Comments: Hello there, I'm a rock climber and canyoneer who also happens to work in land management decision support. I consider myself a conservationist and donate to conservation nonprofits such as land trusts.

While I certainly agree that human development activities should be restricted within designated wilderness areas, it is also important to recognize that humans are also a part of nature and that our interactions with nature bolster our appreciation and love for her.

With regard to the so called "bolt prohibitions" currently under consideration within both NPS and USFS, I would advocate for guidelines on fixed anchors that can be published within the climbing community, but I would request that officials refrain from imposing formalities on fixed anchor approvals which would severely curtail the legality of fixed anchors, and therefore severely curtail these types of recreation.

Please consider that the climbing and canyoneering communities are typically conservation minded and self-policing. Fixed anchors are a critical safety component for climbing and canyoneering, and provide an important element of accessibility. Without them, climbers must use "trad" gear that is expensive and less safe.