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Comments: I am writing to express my love for the wilderness, and my belief that policies prohibiting fixed anchors in wilderness areas would be detrimental to the priorities of the American people.

The Wilderness Act of 1964 defines wilderness as "...as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain." Fixed anchors, while placed by humans, are not incongruent with the goals of the Wilderness Act, as they enable us to enjoy wild areas through sustainable recreation activities (specifically, rock climbing).

For climbers, fixed anchors are essential for safety, and removing or prohibiting their use will add to the risk for the climbers themselves, and to any public servants who may be in a position to rescue climbers in the event of an emergency.

I believe that The Wilderness Act was created to both protect our natural resources, and to allow our enjoyment and respect for those resources as an American people. Adventure, exploration, and discovery are the American way and I envision a landscape that is both beautifully natural and accessible to those who wish to strengthen their connection to the landscape, and our country. Fixed anchors help us access these landscapes while providing essential safety.

Please do not prohibit fixed anchors from the National Park System.

Sincerely,

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