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I am writing to oppose the draft policy on fixed anchors in wilderness.

Climbing has a rich history in countless wilderness areas throughout our country. Climbing is an expression of freedom, immersing ones self in nature, passing through with deep reverence for the mountains. Fixed anchors are a part of this.

It is upsetting to hear that the proposed plan could take away the foundation of a safely setup climbing system.

I would like to be able to safely take my kid into the backcountry, able to rely on established anchors that have been in use for countless decades and protected many thousands of lives.

The proposed plan would take that away.

These same anchors have been maintained by the community, the plan would make the process of maintaining or creating a new climb untenable to the community.

Please do not allow this policy change.

Continue to allow the climbing community to continue to implement the best practices for safety.