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Comments: Please reconsider your current proposal for banning fixed anchors. Climbing outdoors has greatly enriched my life. Your proposal, as it currently stands, would greatly inhibit this form of recreation for a vast number of similar enthusiasts that rely on fixed anchor systems to safely enjoy climbing and other forms of outdoor recreation. The idea for evaluation of fixed anchor placement is valid and would benefit the preservation of wild land. Unfortunately, your current proposal suggests a method of control that would wipe out uncalculatable hours of effort put forth by people passionate about support outdoor climbing. Please, strongly consider rescinding your current proposal and reworking the means of controlling fixed anchor placement through a mutual agreement with organizations such as the Access fund. There are so many extremely passionate individuals that would love to see the effective preservation of wild land, while also continuing to recreate using fixed anchor systems. It is undoubtable that a solid compromise can be found.

Thank you for your consideration.