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Comments: I am writing to comment that I do not support the proposed rule as it would necessarily restrict outdoor rock climbing. I believe that the national parks and others lands managed by the federal government should be open to no trace and low trace recreation, including the use of fixed bolts and anchors. As an avid park lover, the truth is clear, people use parks for a variety of things, from simple tourism, to more involved things like sustainable flyfishing. I speak personally to say I've traveled to five different states to go on climbing trips. While on those trips I spent money in local economies, enjoyed a ton of nature, and importantly, purchased multiple park passes. I think even on the extreme side where people put numerous bolts and fixed anchors in rock faces that it is extraordinarily low impact. Let's be honest, trails and forest roads damage parks much more. Please do not adopt this draft rule. Let the people use parks how they see fit, especially through low impact activities like climbing.

Furthermore, rock climbing fixed gear is low impact and does not cause significant adverse effects to wilderness. The premise flawed by nimby people. These policies would switch the pressure to make the default a "no". Any problem with climbing does not call for that extreme of a policy. It is imperative that the default should be "yes" with any necessary diversions listed as the exception. Besides the reasons above, banning fixed gear would make climbing less safe. Bolted climbing is safe climbing. We have to resist the urge to let rules ruin the outdoors. These lands belong to the American people and when coming up with limitations, low impact sports like rock climbing should be left off the list.