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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my concern with the proposed bolt prohibition in wilderness areas, and believe that non-wilderness climbing management policy should maintain opportunities for new anchors (unless analyses determine climbing should be restricted to protect natural resources). I do not believe that fixed anchors are inconsistent with the wilderness character of an area, as long as existing climbing policies are followed. I believe that prohibiting fixed anchors will not prevent people from climbing; people will still climb those routes but would face safety risks if the anchors aren't being maintained. Having well-maintained climbing routes keeps people safe and appreciating beautiful outdoor spaces. Prohibiting fixed anchors would threaten the sport of climbing in the US, slow progress, and erase existing iconic climbing routes. People need more reasons to get outdoors, not less! Please reconsider this policy.

Sincerely,

Gina Claeys