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Comments: Dear NPS,

I am writing to state my opposition to the proposed restrictions on fixed anchors. Climbing in wilderness areas is a historic part of the culture of protecting and preserving nature for the enjoyment of future generations. Fixed anchors are not only typically very inconspicuous to average hikers and wilderness area enjoyers, but they are a key tool to manage the flow and impact of climbers. Eliminating them from wilderness areas will only encourage people to make more varied impact by climbers making many natural anchor points rather than one high quality fixed anchors. I believe the way to manage this is to have a common sense framework and governing body to ensure all Americans can the beauty and challenge of rock climbing, while also minimizing overall impact to wilderness areas "vertical trail management." Thank you for your time and consideration.