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Comments: I have been a frequent visitor to public lands for more than 3 decades and live surrounded by public lands, primarily the Inyo National Forest much of which is to my delight designated wilderness.

In the communities I am a part of or observe, rock climbers are some of the most conscientious, impact-aware people I can think of and want nothing more than to preserve public wilderness areas as pristine places to interact with and experience nature. Fixed hardware for climbing seems to me to be a negligible impact on the landscape as compared with a hiking trail, pack trail, bear box, pit toilet or other large infrastructure needed to make wilderness accessible, useful and interesting to people.

The climbing community by standards of any self-organizing group has been exemplary in managing the inevitable impact any group has, and should be allowed to continue managing the impact of fixed anchors in wilderness.

Please do not deny future generations the same experiences I have had, to experience vertical wilderness in our national parks, efficiently and safely and with minimal impact. I'm literally not the same person I would be without rock climbing and I think it is of utmost importance that the our federal agencies have programs to encourage rather than discourage this way of interacting with the resources we are all interested in preserving.

Thanks for considering my opinions on this matter.