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Comments: To whom it may concern,

As a climber of over 30 years and someone who's entire professional career, family and entire existence has revolved around climbing, I have concerns with the current proposal to consider fixed anchors prohibited 'installations'.

I am not opposed to sensible fixed anchor regulations, but this process seems off: Fixed anchors are an essential part of a climbers' safety system, and prohibiting these will cause significant safety issues. As well, one of the most amazing things about America and its history is exploration. Prohibiting fixed anchors would stunt what makes Americas Wilderness areas so appealing to many, and threaten America's rich climbing history.

I would think that Land managers should work locally with climbing communities, protecting sensitive natural and cultural resources on a case-by-case basis, instead of targeting all fixed anchors.

I hope that these and all concerns are heard.

Sincerely,

Kolin Powick