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I am writing in regards to proposed changes in regulations pertaining to fixed rock climbing anchors in wilderness areas. While I am fully in favor of preserving the character of these areas, the idea of climbing anchors as installations vastly overstates their impact. They are visually unobtrusive, minimally disruptive to wildlife and flora, and extremely important to the safe practice of one of America's greatest outdoor traditions.

In addition, one cannot help but remark on the irony of the continued extractive use of public lands by private timber, mining, and petrochemical companies, while the rights of individual citizens to utilize public resources in a responsible and non invasive manner is curtailed.

Thank you for your consideration of this point of view.