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Comments: To Whom it may concern,

I'm am writing to register my opposition to any management change that would have the effect of banning or preventing the replacement of fixed climbing anchors in wilderness areas. Wilderness experiences of all kinds are of immense importance to me, and I understand the desire to prevent unnecessary intrusion of human hardware in the environment. However, fixed climbing anchors placed via human-powered means are vital safety equipment that allow me and millions of other Americans to experience these places in an intense and unique way. They are unobtrusive and environmentally benign. Please protect the ability of climbers to maintain old routes in a condition of safety, and explore new ones for the benefit of all.

Sincerely,

Obadiah G. Reid