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Comments: As a member of a community that has a deep connection to the wild place that make up our public lands, I cannot support the current legislation being proposed regarding fixed installations in wilderness areas. While I deeply value the untrammeled and unchanged nature of these places, I believe the current proposal would harm access to wilderness for canyoners like myself. The ability to install bolts into rock is essential to safely access many of the most majestic areas our wilderness has to offer and I do not believe this proposal adequately takes into account this aspect. The current proposal would amount to an unfunded mandate that could seriously harm an entire community's ability to recreate safely in a minimally intrusive manner. Please reconsider this proposal and take into account more community input and study to help shape and guide future legislation. I am more than open to good and well thought out regulations regarding climbing and canyoning anchors, but this is currently lacking in what is being put forth.