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Comments: Hello,

I am writing as a member of the climbing community here in the United States, and I am worried about the proposed policies that would prohibit the use of fixed anchors in wilderness areas. Fixed anchors are often necessary for safe climbing, and there is no reason why they should be prohibited now. Fixed anchors have been used in America by climbers for decades, which has fostered generations of climbers that our country is proud of. Fixed anchors have virtually no impact on the surrounding ecosystems, and as I stated earlier, they are essential to remain safe while climbing. The addition of new fixed anchors is a necessary right that needs to be protected. Our right to climb safely in wilderness areas should be protected.

Thank you