

Activities and Ethics:

- What activities or use types that rely on fixed anchors are appropriate in Wilderness? Specifically define “sport climbs, traditional face climbs, bolt ladders, canyoneering, rappelling, slacklining” and their appropriateness in Wilderness?
- Are fixed anchors appropriate on sections of routes where the use of removable hardware is feasible or on sections of routes that have no rock features adequate for the placement of removable protection?

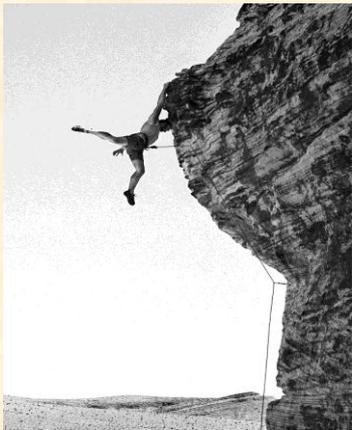


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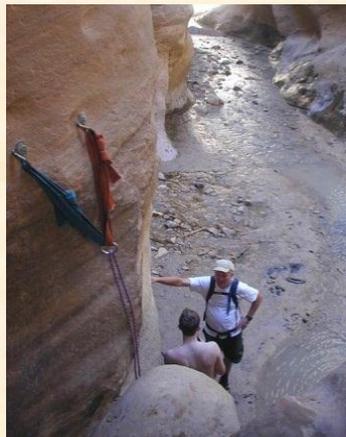


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Permits and Enforcement:

- Should the BLM require permits for new fixed anchors and why? If permits are appropriate, please describe a practical application process including selection criteria such as: quotas, density, location, and review panels. Should permits be authorized for individual fixed anchors, individual routes, or by person and why?
- How should permits be monitored and enforced by the BLM?

NPS Form 10-100 National Park Service (OMB No. 1024-0020)
 (NPS 1050) JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK 74455 National Park Drive Twentynine Palms, CA 92277-3597 (Expires 12/1/2006)

Application for Special Use Permit

Please supply the information requested below. Attach additional sheets, if necessary, to provide required information. Allow at least four (4) business days for processing. A non-refundable processing fee may be required to accompany this application unless the requested use is an exercise of a First Amendment right. You will be notified of the disposition of the application and the necessary steps to secure your final permit. (Note: there may be additional fees charged, and you may be required to provide proof of liability insurance.)

Applicant Name:	Organization Name:
Social Security #:	Tax ID #:
Street/Address:	Street/Address:
City/State/Zip Code:	City/State/Zip Code:
Telephone #:	Telephone #:
Cell phone #:	Cell phone #:
Fax #:	Fax #:

Description of Proposed Activity (attach diagram):

Requested Location:

Date (s):

Event setup will begin:	Event will begin:	Event will end:	Removal will be done:
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Maximum Number of Participants (Please provide best estimate):

Maximum Number of Vehicles (attach parking plan):

Support Equipment (list all equipment):

Support Personnel (contractors, etc. including addresses and phone #):

Individual in charge of event on site (include address, telephone, and cell phone #):

Is this an exercise of First Amendment Rights?	Y	N
Are you familiar with/ have you visited the requested area?	Y	N
Do you plan to advertise or issue a press release?	Y	N
Will you distribute printed material?	Y	N
Is there any reason to believe there will be attempts to disrupt, protest or prevent your event? (if yes explain on separate sheet)	Y	N

The applicant by his or her signature certifies that all the information given is complete and correct, and that no false or misleading information or false statements have been given.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Cultural, Visual, and Natural Resources:

- Are permanent fixed anchors appropriate near cultural resources, raptor nesting sites, or other sensitive natural resources? Should specific zones or areas be limited or closed to new fixed anchors with these resources? How do permanent fixed anchors compare to slings on their impact to natural resources including trees, vegetation, soils, and rock resources?



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- Should visual impacts be considered when placing permanent fixed anchors? Should camouflaging anchor hardware to surrounding rock be required, recommended, or unregulated and why?



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Wilderness and Wilderness Character:

- How do fixed anchors impact Wilderness character measures including: untrammeled, natural, undeveloped, and opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation?
- Define the level of self-reliance and/or safety expected in Wilderness climbing, specifically addressing the frequency of fixed anchors found in Wilderness?
- What is the minimum tool required to safely and successfully place fixed anchors in Wilderness areas including but not limited to power drills, hand drills, “perma-draws” and “removable bolts”?



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