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Comments: I am writing in opposition of your fixed anchor proposal. Climbers are generally remarkable wilderness stewards. We have taken it upon ourselves to work with various land managers to climb responsibly in the wilderness for decades. The preexisting system, where climbers largely self-regulate, has allowed us to judiciously place bolts for safety. Decisions to add bolts for safety are often made in the moment. If climbers have to complete a Minimum Requirements Analysis before placing any bolts, this will greatly increase the level of risk we face while recreating in the wilderness. Additionally, climbers have a unique expertise that allows us to evaluate if bolts are appropriate and necessary for a given situation. It would be much more difficult for overworked and underfunded land managers who are unfamiliar with climbing to make decisions about when bolts are appropriate.

Finally, from a holistic view point climbing's impact on wilderness is much smaller than that of other larger user groups. The noticeable degradation of wilderness I have observed throughout the west is not from the few scattered climbers in the wilderness. Instead the ever increasing popularity of backpacking and hunting has made a much bigger impact as more and more people flock to the wilderness. Additionally grazing, while listed as an exception in the Wilderness act, really seems to be the most destructive activity to take place in wilderness. Pragmatically, I would encourage you to devote your time and money to tackling the most important conservation issues instead of focusing on the impractical task of managing climbing anchors.