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Comments: As a long-time climber who cherishes the ability to visit wilderness areas to climb, I want to write in support of allowing fixed anchors in wilderness areas. Wilderness designation is meant to protect the land in part so that people can visit it and enjoy it. Climbing is a wonderful way for people to immerse themselves in a wilderness area, be self-sufficient, and enjoy the land. Fixed hardware does very little to alter the landscape (especially because mechanized bolt installation is illegal), and is vastly lower impact than normal trail building. This type off conservation-aiming to keep people out completely and prevent enjoyment of wilderness-is self-defeating and unnecessary. Public support for wilderness grows when people can enjoy wilderness areas.