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Comments: This is the Forest Service and NPS simply trying to find a way to deny the public access to wilderness. Fixed anchors have been in use on our public land for nearly 100 years. They harm no one. They can be painted to match the rock and then you can't even see them until you are 5 feet away. I consider myself an environmentalist, but this extreme environmentalism. No one is harmed by these anchors, and no ones experience in the wilderness is ruined. Fifty feet of NFS trail displaces more rock and harms more creatures than all the fixed anchors in America combined. Rethink this. If a trail is allowed to exist for hikers, then fixed anchors should be allowed as well. I am for the use of fixed anchors in wilderness and I will vote, including voting for people who assign financial appropriations to land managers, accordingly.