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Comments: I am a proponent of keeping the wilderness wild, but some of the language in this scares me. While I like the idea of allowing fixed anchors on a case by case basis and the ideal of minimum necessary for safe travel in those areas, I also believe that climbers have historically done a pretty good job of managing themselves on public lands and in making these decisions without burdening an already over-worked federal staff from having to decide for them. I am particularly nervous about the language "as funding allows". So, while I do not want all of our public lands turned into sport climbing areas with bolts and fixed anchors everywhere, I do support the current bipartisan Protecting America's Rock Climbing Act and America's Outdoor Recreation Act that is making it's way through congress. Climbers need SOME say in how and where we install gear to keep us safe, or else there will be far more (and more impactful) SAR operations to follow if fixed anchors are no longer allowed.