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Comments: I am voicing my concern over this policy proposal, from what I've heard and read it looks like this introduces new concerns for climbing's future without a clear explanation of the alleged damage climbing installations are imposing. See this quote from the department of forestry website... " The draft guidance outlines the processes for managing existing and new climbing routes in wilderness. The analysis will help NPS determine what level of fixed anchor use best preserves the totality of wilderness character while taking account of human safety concerns." How can one define management processes without FIRST presenting the analysis undertaken to find the optimal anchor use? Also will the power to review and remove anchors be distributed to distant land managers with variable climbing knowledge and armed only with guidelines for review that aren't yet clear? Could that power be used to shut down routes that have a legitimate negative wilderness impact such as from traffic to/from the route but relating to the bolts only by their existence (leading to the route's viability) rather than for example the use of too many bolts leading to structural degradation of the rock. Probably clear that I'm no expert but wanted to pose these questions and my concern for what they're worth.