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Comments: I strongly oppose new restrictions on the use of fixed anchors in wilderness. Fixed anchors enable safe and responsible wilderness recreation without damaging the rock via repeated removal like pitons. Climbers already have an effective system of self regulation via local climbing organizations I. Additional permits would lead to unsafe and poorly maintained climbing in wilderness areas as installation of anchors would fail to keep up with growing public demand for recreational climbing.