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Comments: How many times does the topic of fixed anchors in wilderness need to get resolved, and then come up again. As a former NFS recreation ranger and NPS ranger I'm appalled at having to defend fixed anchors in wilderness, again.

- 1). Fixed anchors in wilderness have historical precedence
- 2). Fixed anchors are no more of an "installation" than hiking trails and directional signage. If fixed anchors are banned then hiking trails and signage should also be banned in wilderness
- 3). Fixed anchors are critical to climber safety
- 4). Statements about protecting the resource from carved out foodholds/handholds just shows ignorance on the writer's part. If climbers do one thing well it is self-policing.
- 5). Climbers are excellent conservationists and stewards. If you look at how climbers consistently help land managers keep areas clean - from the Yosemite Facelift, to Access Fund and American Alpine Club events, no other group does more to protect the resource.
- 6). The idea that hugely under-resourced land managers would have the time and resources to review this policy in each area is laughable. Give me a break.

Please review all of the comments you will receive and realize that this is a terrible, and unworkable idea that doesn't solve any issues, other than to make climbing less safe.