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Comments: I am writing to strongly disagree with this directive and its new interpretation of fixed anchors as "Installations" within the Wilderness Act. Installations was a term that was contextually intended for things like structures, buildings, and other parts of human infrastructure. Designed trails, bridges, and trail shelters are all a part of hiking and backpacking (permitted within Wilderness). These seem to be much more of an "installation" than a piece of rope tied around a rock, or a 2.5 inch bolt.

The reinterpretation of fixed anchors as "installation" is an imprecise way of managing fixed anchors. I am in support of sustainable Climbing Management Plans - but reclassifying fixed anchors as "installations" so that climbing can fit into an existing administrative approvals process is inefficient at best and could have life or death consequences for those wishing to replace an unsafe anchor or add one where no opportunities exist.

Thank you for your time,