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Comments: The assessment that climbing anchors are an "installation" which will have a profound negative impact upon wilderness is inaccurate and biased. Federal wilderness areas already have "installations" in the form of hiking trails and signage. These are formally constructed by land management agencies in wilderness areas to provide for the safety of the public. Bridges also exist as well within federally designated wilderness areas for the safety of the public to mitigate hazardous stream crossings.

Fixed bolt anchors are a safety installation that also provides for the safety of recreational users and reduces the impact on natural vegetation, which would otherwise be utilized for anchor systems. Overall this directive is a positive step in protecting wilderness areas and the public. It is recommended that the wording of the directive provide guidance to a Forest Supervisor that includes "climbing anchor installations being permitted to provide for and enhance public safety."