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Comments: Recognizing fixed anchors and fixed equipment as "installations for purposes of section 4(c) of the Wilderness Act is misguided and goes contrary to the context in which "installations" are mentioned in section 4(c) ("no temporary road, no use of motor vehicles, motorized equipment or motorboats, no landing of aircraft, no other form of mechanical transport, and no structure or installation").

The provision that "existing fixed anchors and fixed equipment in wilderness may be retained pending completion of a Minimum Requirements Analysis, as funding and resources allow," is equally misguided. Firstly, it creates a new bureaucratic procedure, in which an administrator will arbitrarily decide whether a climbing anchor is "the minimum necessary to facilitate primitive or unconfined recreation or otherwise preserve wilderness character". If the administrator lacks rock climbing experience, how will they know what equipment would constitute a necessary minimum? The regulation of fixed anchors must be conducted based on the input from the public, particularly from the climbing community.

Secondly, this provision will endanger people's lives, because it means that if the funding and resources are insufficient, deteriorated and unsafe fixed anchors will never be replaced. As a minimum, this provision must be revised as follows: "existing fixed anchors and fixed equipment in wilderness may be retained and replaced [...]"