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Comments: As a climber, I want to ensure the safe and responsible use of fixed anchors in [Wilderness/national forests] remains available to the climbing community. I respect and advocate for the responsible use of Wilderness areas and believe that fixed anchors can be a component of a sustainable Wilderness experience. Please revise your climbing guidance to reflect the practice and precedent of the last 60+ years-that fixed anchors for climbing can be used, replaced, and maintained in designated [Wilderness/national forest] areas. In my experience the use of fixed anchors is limited by the methods used to place them. For me personally placing anchors in Wilderness has required an immense amount of time and energy per bolt while using a hand drill. As a result I don't see the threat of massive bolting projects being undertake due to the prohibitive nature of hand drilling and the often remote nature of the climbing. Thank you for your consideration.