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Comments: I reject the re-interpretation of fixed climbing anchors as prohibited installations in national forests. Fixed anchors make climbing safer and are much less intrusive than the tat the climbers will leave when there are no fixed anchors. I know of climbers who have died because bolts had been chopped by the park service (in the North Cascades).

Climbers have responsibly used wilderness areas/national forests for recreation for many decades and in many instances have advocated for the creation of new wilderness areas.

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 national forests.

Thank you,
Stefanie Hunt