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Comments: As a climber, I want to ensure the safe and responsible use of fixed anchors in Wilderness and 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. I am concerned that disallowing fixed anchors will lead to climbing accidents on unsafe routes and overcrowding of the routes and areas where safe climbing is possible without fixed anchors.

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 and national forest areas.

Thank you.