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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 with climbing outdoors the use of fixed anchors have helped me and countless others develop their newfound skills safely. There are countless areas maintained by responsible climbers and they want nothing but to create a safe environment for future climbers. If you do decide to not allow fixed anchors in certain areas it will limit people being able to discover climbing!!! Please make the right decision here and realize people aren't wanting to put them everywhere and for the most part are doing them in a safe manner.