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Comments: My wife and I are both rock climbers. Every year we volunteer many hours in the national parks and wilderness areas to help with trail maintenance, litter and graffiti removal. We practice and encourage a leave no trace philosophy with all we bring into the wilderness. We strongly advocate the use of safe and responsible placement of fixed anchors in the wilderness and national forests. We 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 and national forest areas.