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Comments: As a climber and canyoneer, I want to ensure the safe and responsible use of fixed anchors in Wilderness and National Forest lands 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 and National forest areas. In my general experience, climbers and canyoneers who recreate on Wilderness and National Forest lands are among the most staunch supporters of conservation and Leave No Trace ethics. We care deeply about these spaces not only for the gorgeous recreation they offer us but also because we care about stewarding the land. Thank you for your time and consideration.