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Comments: As a mountain climber in wilderness and national parks for more than 35 years, a member of the American Alpine Club, the Mountaineers Club, and the Boeing Employees Alpine Society, I whole-heartily agree that the use of fixed anchors be managed by the Forest Service. It should not be left to individual climbers who may not have the purpose of a wilderness area as their main priority. I have used existing anchors and slings in Wilderness and Forest Service managed lands. I appreciate that the National Park Service is willing to create a policy to manage their lands for the purpose of climbing and agree with the proposed directives.