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Comments: Having climbed for over 56 years, I am opposed to reclassifying or prohibiting the use of fixed anchors in wilderness areas and national forests. USFS fixed anchor proposals fly in the face of over sixty years of climbing activity. The Forest Service and land managers do not have the expertise or staffing to carry out regulation or evaluation of fixed anchors even if they were to legislate fixed anchors. This could easily lead to lawsuits for negligence. I thought this whole issue was resolved in the 1990's, but here it is again. Why is that? What bureaucrat(s) or special interest group(s) are bringing up this non-issue? Climbers have shown that they are perfectly capable of managing the installation and use of fixed anchors without any government or legislative interference. For the safety and continued viability of climbing as a valid use of public lands, I support the PARC Act and do not support the USFS regulating fixed anchors.