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Comments: Please do not further restrict or ban fixed/permanent anchors in wilderness areas. These anchors are life saving where necessary. Placing temporary protection is not always a viable option, like the top of some routes without trees or other objects to rappel from, or along run out routes without enough deep, stable cracks to place cams/nuts. While run out "R" rated routes may be an acceptable risk for experienced climbers, less experienced or less powerful climbers may be killed or injured and need expensive and labor intensive rescues when routes cannot be properly protected.

Exploring America's wilderness is part of what makes the wilderness important. It's an American tradition that is only becoming more popular as Americans want to get outside and experience these incredible places. It's part of the human condition and our culture to want to do these things. Fixed/permanent anchors and protection should be able to be utilized when temporary protection isn't available, without red tape that could limit access or cause harm to climbers. Thank you for your consideration.