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Comments: Fixed anchors are critically important to America's rich climbing history. They are a requirement for climbers' safety, and promote exploration of wilderness areas. The Wilderness Act does not prohibit fixed anchors, and they have been conservatively installed in America's most wild places for over 50 years. Prohibiting fixed anchors would jeopardize the United States' as one of the world leaders in climbing achievement.

Blanket restriction of future development on non-wilderness lands would create enforcement issues, and strip land managers of their current ability to make determinations on a case-by-case basis.