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Comments: To Whom it May Concern,

Please collaborate with climbing advocacy groups like the Access Fund to better understand the purpose and importance of 'fixed anchors'. These inconspicuous bolts placed on the rock have essentially zero visual or ecological impact (far less than even a trail or a small sign).

While it is true that some climbing routes can be safely ascended without the use of fixed anchors this is not always the case and having them in place greatly increases safety and expands the terrain available for climbing.

Anchors like the ones in question have been permitted for decades and have significant historical precedent. Erasing them would erase much of climbing history and prevent future generations from safely recreating in the mountains.

The climbing community cares deeply about the tenants of leave-no-trace and minimal impact. Further, we have a history of acting judiciously in placing bolts, using them only when deemed necessary to improve safety. We have acted as good stewards of wilderness areas and trust should be placed with us to continue that tradition. Lastly, "Restricting the establishment of new routes to "existing climbing opportunities" on non-Wilderness lands is unenforceable and will create confusion amongst land managers and climbers. Non-Wilderness climbing management policy should maintain opportunities for new anchors unless and until analyses determine climbing should be restricted to protect cultural and natural resources"