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Comments: Climbing fixtures are an integral part of climbing safety. This proposal would alienate the climbing community efforts to maintain safe climbing conditions by requiring authorization to replace unsafe fixtures.

Furthermore, given the limited impact of climbing fixture weighed against the safety benefits it is unreasonable to limit the placement of fixtures. Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(c)) provides for greater allowances for installation to far more impactful activities such as mining, drilling, mineral exploration, and grazing. These activities have demonstrable adverse wilderness impact without any non-economic positive result. Climbing fixtures have a debatable adverse aesthetic impact but also provide both clear economic and safety results.

I do not support directive proposal.