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Comments: Please do not prohibit fixed anchors in wilderness areas. This prevents access and enjoyment of the wilderness areas by so many people who want to protect and share it with others.

*Fixed anchors are an essential piece of climbers' safety system

*It is unreasonable for federal agencies to create new guidance policies prohibiting Wilderness climbing anchors *Prohibiting fixed anchors will create safety issues

*Prohibiting fixed anchors obstructs appropriate exploration of Wilderness areas.

*Prohibiting fixed anchors will threaten America's rich climbing legacy

*Restricting the establishment of new routes to "existing climbing opportunities" on non-Wilderness lands is unenforceable

--20+ year Mountaineers Climb Leader