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Comments: As someone who has volunteered to help manage existing climbing in a federal refuge, I understand the complications that are currently at hand. However, I implore you to take in consideration that there is a world-renowned legacy involved here and a community that is always willing to volunteer it's time to help support and maintain access to climbing.

Fixed anchors are an essential piece of climbers' safety system and are not prohibited "installations" under the Wilderness Act. Following existing climbing policies that allow judicious use of fixed anchors for more than a half century will do more to protect Wilderness character while providing for primitive and unconfined Wilderness climbing.

Prohibiting fixed anchors will threaten America's rich climbing legacy and could erase some of the world's greatest climbing achievements. Climbing management policy should protect existing routes from removal as well as support a community that is always willing to support it in return.