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Comments: I am a climber and have enjoyed climbing in wilderness for years. Much like the permanent terrain modifications required to Hikers and Backpackers to enjoy wilderness areas (trails) fixed, permanent anchors are required for climbers to enjoy wilderness areas. Classifying fixed anchors as prohibited installations would be a terrible mistake that would preclude safe climbing from America's wilderness and threaten the rich history of wilderness climbing in America. Fixed anchors have been legally managed for decades, and their removal would create serious safety issues as routes which had been safe for years became suddenly dangerous. I strongly oppose the draft policy which would prevent development opportunities and erase existing opportunities for safe recreation and exploration in America's wilderness.