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Comments: I am writing to express my concern over the potential new restrictions on fixed climbing anchors in designated Wilderness. I am a Leave No Trace Master Educator, NOLS instructor, and spent a season as a USFS wilderness ranger intern, and I believe that America's wilderness areas are one of our most important and valuable resources. I am also an avid climber. I frequently rely on inconspicuous fixed anchors in wilderness in order to safely travel in high, exposed terrain. I understand that fixed anchors could be classified as "installations" by the letter of the law, but in most circumstances the only people who see (and are impacted by) them are the ones who rely on them for safety. Some routes can be climbed and descended without fixed anchors, but the majority require occasional fixed gear to protect blank segments or facilitate descent. This means that prohibiting fixed anchors is not far from prohibiting wilderness climbing - an activity with a rich history in this country and one that more and more Americans are taking interest in. In my opinion, the current regulations around bolt placement in Wilderness are a sufficient deterrent to excessive bolting (hand-drilling is a lot of work). If visual impact is a concern, there are certainly other regulatory actions that could be taken to minimize that while still allowing climbers to safely explore the vertical wilderness. Many climbers I know are also more than happy to respect closures of certain areas related to raptor nesting or archaeological / cultural sites. I encourage the Forest Service to consider other strategies to manage the impact of Wilderness climbing.