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Comments: I am an avid climber and backcountry user, my passion, along with countless other people in this country, is to explore and find amazing new places that only some can dream of going. To do so, we heavily rely on fixed gear and anchors to complete our expeditions or day to day adventures. Fixed anchors are an essential piece of safety for us and ARE NOT prohibited "installations" under the Wilderness Act. It is unreasonable for federal agencies to create new guidance policies prohibiting Wilderness climbing anchors across the country when they have allowed, managed, and authorized fixed anchors for decades. Not only will this prohibition cause major safety hazards, but it will also obstruct appropriate exploration of wilderness areas. Land managers need to allow climbers to explore Wilderness in a way that permits in-the-moment decisions that are necessary when navigating complex vertical terrain. I along with the rest of the climbing community DO NOT SUPPORT this policy!