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Comments: I recently retired from the US Navy after 24 years as a naval aviator. From the time we are little baby flyers we are taught risk management for both ourselves and as leaders of various sized teams. The new rules proposed in addressing fixed anchors in the wilderness are foolhardy at best especially when looking at the macro picture of risk management, the reduction of that risk to climbers' safety which will be and is directly tied to rescue and first aide efforts when things go awry. The ripple effects to all of these proposed new rules not allowing for the installation and maintenance of fixed anchors is a larger impact, read: increase, in the budgets for both local, state, and federal agencies when these rescues inevitably increase due to the lack of properly installed and maintained fixed anchors.

Please, don't be shortsighted in the pursuit of prohibiting fixed anchors in the wilderness. This will only have detrimental effects on the outdoor experience and deleterious effects on the budgets of land agencies where that money could be better used to inform and educate people on proper conservation and usage of our wonderfully precious outdoor resources.