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Comments: Thank you for soliciting public opinion regarding wilderness anchors. As an avid climber for over 15 years, I would be very disappointed to see any regression in the management of permanent anchors. For one, safety (and risk for land managers) would be compromised, especially when established anchors need replacement. Second, limiting or removing fixed anchors would effectively discourage a major form of recreation for many people. I hiked, ran, and backpacked before climbing and have never felt like climbing is in conflict with other recreation even with fixed anchors. If fixed anchors contribute to safer climbing and encourage recreation and public engagement with public lands, then why limit it?

Furthermore any sort of language about potential for climbing or opportunity for climbing would be impractical to interpret and enforce.

Thank you Gary