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Comments: Dear USFS. The recent document regarding the use of anchors and fixed equipment in NPS Wilderness Areas needs some improvement. While climbers very do much respect the environment, the current document would render some of the best climbing areas obsolete if the current fixed anchors could not be maintained or new ones added to new routes. I've climbed some awesome routes in the Wind Rivers in Wyoming and descending from some of these routes is only possible by use of fixed anchors.

If the existing anchors cannot be replaced they will eventually become unsafe and may fail. It is critical that these anchors can be maintained by the relevant climbing organizations (like the Access Fund).

Prohibiting fixed anchors will threaten America's rich climbing legacy and could erase some of the world's greatest climbing achievements. Climbing management policy needs to protect existing routes from removal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

-Jason