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Comments: A ban on fixed anchors (including replacement of existing ones) will functionally extinguish the pursuit of rock climbing and mountaineering on most public lands in America. Fixed anchors are essential for travel in most vertical spaces. To not even allow for replacement of existing anchors creates dangerous conditions for climbers, fatally threatens a climbing/mountaineering legacy that the USFS celebrates, and flies in the face of nearly fifty years of interpretations of the Wilderness Act.