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Comments: As a climber, I want to ensure the safe and responsible use of fixed anchors in remains available to the climbing community. I respect and advocate for the responsible use of Wilderness areas and believe that fixed anchors can be a component of a sustainable Wilderness experience.

They are far less intrusive/damaging than ,any other commonly used structures like latrines, bear poles, bridges etc. Like these, the small intrusion of the item prevents negative user impact on the area.

Please revise your climbing guidance to reflect the practice and precedent of the last 60+ years-that fixed anchors for climbing can be used, replaced, and maintained in designated] areas."

If resource protection requires closing an area to cling, then that is appropriate, but if climbing is an appropriate activity, then fixed anchors (appropriately placed in number and location) are required to prevent further user impact.