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Comments: As a climber, I want to ensure the safe and responsible use of fixed anchors in National Forests 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. 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 Wilderness areas. This change to the precedent set by the last 60+ years of climbing seems to be misguided at treating a non-issue in wilderness areas and resources would be better aimed at more harmful practices to Wilderness areas such as deconstructing old, non used dams and fire safety/fire prevention. I thank you for your time and consideration of this message.