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Comments: As a climber, I want to ensure the safe and responsible use of fixed anchors in our national forests, national parks, and wilderness areas 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, national forest, and national parks areas. We depend on these installations to help mitigate risk and increase safety - all of which can contribute to less SAR events and ultimately the saving of our resources. Without being able to replace existing hardware with modern and safer options, we will see an uptick in accidents that could have been avoided.