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Comments: As a hiker, climber, and wilderness enthusiast, I want to ensure the safe and responsible use of fixed anchors in Wilderness and national forests remains available to the climbing community. I respect and advocate for the responsible use of Wilderness areas, and believe that strategically placed fixed anchors can and should be a component of a sustainable Wilderness experience. The dangers of not allowing for fixed anchors-both to climbers and to the natural areas which are more likely to sustain damage to trees and other sources of natural protection-are too great to make a change of this magnitude without further mitigation of the downside risks. 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 and national forest areas