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Comments: Fixed anchors are a critical and essential part of climbers' safety system. Following climbing policies that have existed for decades will protect the character of the wilderness while providing for primitive climbing.

It is unreasonable for federal agencies to create new guidance policies prohibiting Wilderness climbing anchors when they have allowed, managed, and authorized fixed anchors for decades.

Prohibiting fixed anchors will create safety issues by imposing unnecessary obstacles to the regular maintenance of fixed anchors, a responsibility undertaken by the climbing community.

Prohibiting fixed anchors will threaten America's climbing history and could erase some of the world's greatest climbing achievements. Climbing management policy should protect existing routes from removal.