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Comments: Fixed anchors should be allowed in wilderness areas, including bolts, pitons, and slings. The whole concept of wilderness is a social construction, and climbing-even climbing that involves fixed anchors-is consistent with the character of this construction. Climbing is about self-reliance and exploration. Climbers need trails and a small amount of metal or webbing left in the rock. The net impact is negligible compared to resort skiing, mountain biking, jeeping/UTVing, hunting, or fishing. Climbing and wilderness have coexisted for fifty years, and that should continue.

I've climbed big backcountry routes in Yosemite, the Sierra, the Wind River Range, RMNP, etc. Through these experiences, I've had profound interactions with the wilderness. These experiences have shaped me as a person and as a voter. Banning fixed anchors would erase some of these phenomenal routes and opportunities. Please reconsider.