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Comments: As a climber, I want to ensure the safe and responsible use of fixed anchors in Mt Hood National Forest, North Cascades National Park, and other forests/parks remain 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 these areas.

Additionally, it's best practice all around the world (from Chamonix to Patagonia) to have fixed anchors in order to ensure the safety of climbers and recreation users. Not having fixed anchors will ironically have the opposite effect of preserving these wilderness areas and their surrounding areas. It will increase the number of accidents, which will require SAR personnel and vehicles to move in and impact the areas surrounding these wilderness areas. Inevitably, these impacts just outside the wilderness areas will bleed over into the wilderness areas.