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Comments: Climbing has always been an essential part of the wilderness experience, and fixed anchors have been part of that history, as well.

Fixed anchors are an essential part of climbing safety and are not prohibited installations under the Wilderness Act. Prohibiting fixed anchors will impact the safety of existing climbs and impede climbers' abilities to maintain and update routes without limiting access to them and without increasing risk to members of the community.

It is unreasonable to create new guidance now when they have been allowed, managed, and authorized for decades.

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