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Comments: As a climber, I want to ensure the safe and responsible use of fixed anchors in Wilderness remains 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 Wilderness areas.

Climbing ethics have a long history and have evolved to safeguard climbers plus preserve the cliffs to be sensitive to traditions, environmental and safety. Doing anything else will directly put lives at risk and potential damage the rock faces more. Careful sensitive use of fixed gear protects more. Without well placed fixed abseil stations climbers are at risk and generally more damage is done to plants and habitats as climbers search anchors in the margins where vegetation is more easily trodden on.

What already happens is common practice across the world and there are many well researched studies to back this up. Removing anchors is madness.