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Comments: Free climbing may be an appropriate use of NFS lands; however, I cannot see how authorizing placement or replacement of fixed anchors and fixed equipment in wilderness is within the directives of the Wilderness Act, including primitive or unconfined recreation and preservation of wilderness character (proposed FSM 2355.32, para. 1)

Fixed anchors and equipment are by definition adverse resource impacts.

The Wilderness Act specifically defines Wilderness as "an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain. An area of wilderness is further defined to mean in this Act an area of undeveloped Federal land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements or human habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions and which (1) generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable; ..."