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Comments: As an avid climber and wilderness enthusiast, I have strong feelings about these new management plans. I don't disagree that there should be some sort of management for climbing and fixed anchors, but this proposed plan seems to go too far. Climbing has always been allowed in wilderness areas and climbers have always done their part to protect and conserve the areas we recreate in. Fixed anchors play a huge role in climber safety and allow us to ascend or descend technical terrain safely. I don't think we should start power drilling bolts into wilderness walls all of sudden, but some bolts or slings or fixed gear to create safer options should be allowed. Forcing someone to go through an MRA for each fixed anchor seems unreasonable and unmanageable. The amount of funds and man power to enforce this seems unrealistic for the managing departments. I have used many fixed anchors in areas like Yosemite and Rocky Mountain National Park. I always tighten the bolts or replace old slings with new if needed. I like to keep the routes safe and clean for the next person. With the proposed MRA, I believe I would have to get approval before replacing slings or repairing fixed anchors. This can become a safety issue if climbers can't make in the moment safety decisions.