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Comments: As a retired NPS park ranger and long time climber I am compelled to write to oppose the NFS climbing management plan that would classify climbing anchors as installations and restrict fixed anchors in Wilderness.

In my opinion the proposed plan will led to increased accidents and the need for more rescues. Climbers use fixed anchors to safely travel in vertical terrain, Being able to evaluate and replace old anchors while climbing is critical to safety.

Equating fixed anchors as prohibited installations is a reversal of many years of interpretation of the Wilderness Act. Existing policies have allowed for needed anchors and wilderness protection.

Restricting the establishment of new routes to existing climbing opportunities on non Wilderness areas seems unnecessary confusing and hard to enforce.

The proposed plan will be difficult to enforce, decrease visitor safety and and alienate climbers who support the NFS and Wilderness.