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Comments: I do not support fixed anchors being considered installations. The language of this proposal indicates that anchors left in place will be in violation of the Wilderness Act, which is federal law.

The climbing of backcountry routes requires exploration. Exploration often requires retreat from storms, natural hazards, and emergency. Retreat requires the installation of anchors (nuts, pitons, bolts, and slings) from which to rappel safely. This proposed language will effectively make the option to retreat from a climb a violation of federal law.

Please strike the language which indicates fixed anchors are to be considered installations.