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Comments: As a climber who just recently discovered this amazing activity a few years ago, I want to ensure the safe and responsible use of fixed anchors in both wilderness and national forests remains available to the climbing community. These fixed anchors are essential to our sport and changing them as suggested destroys over 60 years of precedent that these anchors for climbing can be used, replaced, and maintained in designated areas. 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.

Additionally, as a resident of Utah, a change such as this destroys hundreds of climbing opportunities in the area and severely dampens and destroys our outdoor experience. Multiple canyons, walls, and hikes would be completely shut off from the public. These sites are meant to be explored and instill inspiration in all who see it. Please understand that preservation of wilderness areas for generations to come can be done without reclassifying fixed anchors as prohibited installations.

I kindly ask that this section gets amended or removed.

Sincerely,

A conservationist and climber