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Comments: The proposed classification of fixed anchors as "installations" is a huge mistake. These pieces of equipment are part of essential safety systems that have been permitted for decades to allow climbers to safely access the great outdoors. The proposed rules will not only unnecessarily impede recreation and exploration of the wilderness by the next generation, they will result in the degradation and decay of safety equipment in historically important climbing areas (Joshua Tree and Yosemite for example) by adding obstacles to repair and maintenance. My three year old son reads "B is for Bison" almost every night, and he points out the climbers on the "Y is for Yosemite National Park" page. Please reconsider these policy changes so that he can share his parents' and grandparents' relationship with the wilderness