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Comments: I'm writing to oppose reclassifying fixed anchors for climbing. As someone who loves the outdoors I want to protect the wilderness as much as anyone, but this will not protect the wilderness in a meaningful way. Before I climbed I never once noticed climbing hardware in any way in the wilderness, despite hiking in several areas famous for climbing. It will make it significantly harder to establish and maintain safe climbing hardware, forcing the ever growing numbers of climbers onto previously established routes. Most critically, if it slows the maintenance of existing bolts or slings it increases the risk of an eventual failure resulting in injury to climbers.