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Comments: Hello, I am writing you to urge you to allow fixed anchors for climbers and other backcountry adventurers to continue being allowed.

Fixed anchors are an essential piece of climbers' safety system and are not prohibited "installations" under the Wilderness Act. I am confident that allowing these anchors improve safety and if managed will enhance climbers use of the wilderness. Following existing climbing policies that allow judicious use of fixed anchors for more than a half century will do more to protect Wilderness character while providing for primitive and unconfined Wilderness climbing. I feel it is unreasonable for federal agencies to prohibit Wilderness climbing anchors when this has been an accepted, managed, and authorized practice to allow fixed anchors for decades. Prohibiting fixed anchors will create numerous safety issues by imposing unnecessary obstacles to the regular maintenance of fixed anchors, a responsibility undertaken by the climbing community. Fixed anchors allow for safer activities and the expense and responsible placement has always been managed by climbers who want to maintain the permit I've feel of the wilderness. Fixed anchor maintenance needs to be managed in a way that incentivizes safe anchor replacement and does not risk the removal of climbing routes. Prohibiting fixed anchors obstructs appropriate exploration of Wilderness areas. Land managers need to allow climbers to explore Wilderness in a way that permits in-the-moment decisions that are necessary when navigating complex vertical terrain. Please continue to allow the practices that have been in place continue remain the standard for fixed Climbing anchors.

Thank you for allowing fixed Climbing anchors in the wilderness.