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Comments: Climbing has been a part of recreation on public lands and in American wilderness areas for 100+ years. As a climber it is clear to me that this project misrepresents climbing and does not understand how climbers and other recreators use fixed anchors, as well as a misrepresentation of how fixed anchors impact the integrity of wilderness. Fixed anchors are vital for a safe and functional experience climbing in wilderness areas and have an extremely low impact on ecological function. Climbers care about wilderness and this project will unfairly isolate a user group that has a deep history and connection to wilderness areas and will essentially wipe out climbing on wilderness land.