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Comments: Hello,

I do not see what issue the NPS is trying to solve with this draft language. DO 41's language is quiet clear on the use and management of fixed anchors and allows for adequate flexibility in maintaining anchors in wilderness areas. The draft language places a de facto ban on the management of exiting anchors. The management of said anchors is a task which the NPS will not be able to manage, it has neither the staff nor the resources for such a lift. These anchors are best managed by the climbing communities of the various parks. Further, these communities already place bolts only when needed and with scrutiny. A partnership between parks and their local climbing advocacy groups would be a better way to manage any local anchor problems. If these groups loose their ability to maintain anchors, this will directly lead to the degradation of said anchors which has serious safety and SAR implications. Additionally, it will force climbers to search for other anchor sources such as natural features and trees which will place a higher impact on the resource. Placing undue and unreasonable restrictions on climbing with this draft language will not protect wilderness areas but will severely strain a largely beneficial and cooperative relationship between the climbing community and land management agencies. This will benefit neither climbers nor the USFS and NPS.