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Comments: The proposal to ban all anchors in wilderness areas as well as the US Forest system is in opposition to the intent of the wilderness act. These lands were set aside in part to allow people access to these special areas. No one is suggesting that these areas should be anchored everywhere, but there are times when a climber might need to replace an existing anchor for safety or to rescue someone.

Funding is tight and the best solution to create a policy on this would be to work with local groups and users of these sites. Because of cost, this may not be possible, but to default to an arbitrary ban on all anchors is thoughtless and impractical.

As a frequent climber in the great outdoors, I would hate to see safety eroded for the efficiency of a blanket ban which makes no sense.

Please do not add senseless regulations because there isn't funding to create a reasonable policy.