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Comments: As a passionate climber, I firmly advocate for the continued use of fixed anchors in Wilderness areas. These anchors are crucial for climbers' safety and have been an accepted practice for over half a century. Implementing new policies to prohibit them is unreasonable, as federal agencies have historically allowed and managed fixed anchors for decades.

Prohibiting fixed anchors not only poses safety risks by hindering regular maintenance but also jeopardizes the rich climbing legacy in America. Climbers should be empowered to make critical safety decisions in the moment without unnecessary authorization processes. Furthermore, this prohibition obstructs the exploration of Wilderness areas, limiting climbers' ability to navigate complex vertical terrain and erasing some of the world's greatest climbing achievements.

In crafting climbing management policies, it's essential to preserve existing routes, incentivize safe anchor replacement, and uphold the spirit of adventure that defines the climbing community.