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Comments: Hopefully the PARC act will pass and the USFS will have clear direction that climbing fixed anchors will continue to be "allowed" within wilderness areas. This whole discussion and proposal about prohibiting fixed climbing anchors in wilderness areas is such a bureaucratic and useless waste of time and taxpayer money. The USFS struggles to maintain trails, facilities, and roads in our country's forests and wilderness areas, and continually increases user fees (beyond the point where some disadvantaged and/or minority citizens can afford so they cannot visit/camp on their own public lands) only to waste huge amounts of staff time and money concocting a rule which goes against all precedent and common sense? The USFS has itself done far more "damage" to the "resource" over the years by ill-conceived logging and construction than anything climbers would be capable of doing in centuries of use.

There has been sixty years of history since the passage of the wilderness act of fixed anchor use in wilderness. The passage of the act and the creation of additional wilderness areas and designations has been almost universally supported by the climbing community, and most members of the community have been/are good stewards of our public lands! As far as I am concerned, this kind of bureaucratic overreach and heavy-handedness is completely uncalled for, and will simply seriously erode support for the USFS in the future. I can guarantee you that there will be people who will simply refuse to comply, which will then burden more rangers with "law enforcement" tasks and investigations rather than fulfilling traditional education, assistance, and natural history interpretation roles that win friends and influence into the future.