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Comments: Fixed anchors are an essential piece of climbers' safety system and are not prohibited "installations" under the Wilderness Act. Following existing climbing policies that allow judicious use of fixed anchors for more than a half century will do more to protect Wilderness character while providing for primitive and unconfined Wilderness climbing.

Land managers need to allow climbers to explore Wilderness in a way that permits in-the-moment decisions that are necessary when navigating complex vertical terrain.

Also dealing with rescues of climbers of all levels that are stuck due to lack of descent options, due to inclement weather, exposure to elements, lack of daylight, installations like bolts help prevent tricky rescues as rangers can explain how to get off these climbs over the phone for example. Bolts that can be reused are also better than leaving of fixed gear that literally turn into mountain trash after being bailed on one time. Bolts make rescues safer for the first responders. Bolts reduce descent times.

But first and foremost it makes access safer for a wider range of people that want to explore the vertical world.

The most gorgeous places in this huge country. Please keep climbing safe and access open.