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Comments: Fixed anchors are essential to permit safe rappels. In the Wind Rivers on classic climbs such as Pingora and Wolfs Head the fixed anchors, to my observations, have not damaged or degraded any elements of the natural features and allow safe descents. Without fixed anchors there will be more accidents requiring rescues and incurring the related costs and risks to the rescue team.

That situation can be contrasted to some of the improvised anchors I've encountered at Red Rock where slings and ropes have been used and after many years are degraded to the point of where continued use would be dangerous. It would be much better to have fixed anchors, thus avoiding both risk and the visual impact of improvised anchors.

One additional comment pertaining especially to Red Rock. Many access trails are well established and well signed, up to the wilderness boundary. Then a network of "social trails" are encountered with a significant impact on the environment. I submit that extending the access trails would be the most effective action that could be implemented to reduce user impact and I have always been

amazed that the land managers do not take such action. Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments.

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