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Comments: As a climber, I want to ensure the safe and responsible use of fixed anchors in [Wilderness/national forests] remains available to the climbing community. I respect and advocate for the responsible use of Wilderness areas and believe that fixed anchors can be a component of a sustainable Wilderness experience. Please revise your climbing guidance to reflect the practice and precedent of the last 60+ years-that fixed anchors for climbing can be used, replaced, and maintained in designated [Wilderness/national forest] areas.

I think there is an appropriate level of oversight that is needed but this proposal is not the way to go. I would give climbing organization to work with the government agencies to develop policies to seek common middle ground. Let's figure out how to leverage climbers to be good land stewards. This can be a win-win situation but not written as is.