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Comments: The Wilderness Act strictly forbids permanent structures, including fixed climbing anchors, to maintain the wild nature of these areas. Such anchors are not permitted as they go against the principle of preserving the wilderness's untouched state. The Act's rules are stringent and do not bend for recreational purposes. Exceptions to this rule are very limited and only apply in unique administrative situations where such installations are essential for protecting the wilderness.

The main responsibility of managing agencies is to preserve the wilderness as it is, without human alterations. These agencies are not obligated to modify wilderness areas to enhance recreational activities. The existence of wilderness areas inherently offers opportunities for primitive recreation, and the agencies' role is to safeguard these opportunities by adhering to the Wilderness Act.

Climbing without permanent anchors aligns with the goal of wilderness conservation. Although this might reduce the number of climbers on certain routes, limiting human use is beneficial for protecting these areas, especially given the recent surge in outdoor activities in wilderness locations. Climbers looking for routes with permanent bolts can find them outside of wilderness areas.

Wilderness areas are rare and under threat, with less than 3% of the land in the Lower 48 states designated as Wilderness. The increasing demand for outdoor recreation poses a significant risk to these areas. Proposals for installing permanent anchors in wilderness areas must undergo a public review process as mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, ensuring that any decisions are made transparently and with public input.