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Comments: Your proposed policies prioritize recreation above wilderness protection and permanently scar and degrade Wilderness, and the Wilderness Act prohibits fixed climbing anchors Wilderness.

The Forest Service has no duty to develop Wilderness to provide "opportunities for primitive recreation." Wilderness already provides these opportunities. For climbers seeking developed climbing opportunities, there are ample permanently bolted climbs outside of Wilderness.

Wilderness is an endangered landscape and proposals for permanent fixed anchor installations in Wilderness must be subjected to public notice and an opportunity for public comment pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act.