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Comments: Wilderness needs to be protected as wilderness. NOthing should be added or allowed to facilitate damaging a wilderness area for climbers or anyone else. There are other areas they can use run by states and cities that are not wilderness for those that need extra help/

For those climbers seeking developed climbing opportunities, there are ample permanently bolted climbs outside of Wilderness.

Wilderness is an endangered landscape. Less than 3 percent of land in the Lower 48 is protected as Wilderness, and it is under threat, including from rapidly escalating recreation pressures.

Any specific 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.

We have less wilderness preserved than needed to help precious species survive. Climate change means less intrusion in what little is left.