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Comments: The Wilderness Act strictly prohibits the inclusion of permanent fixed climbing anchors to preserve the untamed nature of the areas. The desire to enhance specific recreational activities cannot override these prohibitions. Even the limited administrative exception for installations doesn't extend to the general public aiming to establish recreational activities in the wilderness.

The primary responsibility of agencies is to safeguard Wilderness in its natural, unhampered state, and the ban on installations can only be waived in rare administrative situations where it is essential for preserving the natural state of Wilderness.

Agencies are not obligated to develop Wilderness for "primitive recreation opportunities" as Wilderness inherently provides such opportunities. The focus should be on protecting Wilderness as outlined in the Wilderness Act rather than developing it for recreation.

Climbing without permanent fixed anchors aligns with wilderness preservation, and the potential decrease in climbing due to natural limits benefits wilderness protection. Developed climbing opportunities can be found outside of Wilderness for those seeking them.

Given that Wilderness constitutes less than 3 percent of land in the Lower 48 and faces increasing recreation pressures, any proposals for permanent fixed anchors must undergo public notice and comment procedures under the National Environmental Policy Act.