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Comments: Do not allow the installation of fixed climbing anchors.

Both the National Park Service (NPS) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) have issued proposed policies governing rock climbing in the designated Wildernesses that the agencies administer.

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.

The Wilderness Act prohibits installations and structures like permanent fixed climbing anchors in order to protect the areas' wild character. Fixed climbing anchors must not be allowed in Wilderness.