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Comments: Our Country has designated various categories of public lands for many different uses. The Wilderness designation is intended to exclude uses that rely on artificial modifications to the land that is so designated. Permanent anchors for rock climbing is an artificial modification that I believe is intended to be excluded in Wilderness areas. There are many other public lands that have been designated to be lower levels of protection than Wilderness, and rock climbing with permanent anchors may be appropriate there, but not in Wilderness areas.

Thank you for protecting our lands, Stephen Paddock