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Comments: I have been around climbers for decades. I have watched climbing advance. There are no real reason for wanting a return in fixed anchors anymore and especially in wilderness areas. This is ancient technology that we have really moved on from. And in wilderness areas, no less, where you can't go around just constructing stuff like putting in bolts or pounding pitons. Wilderness is wilderness for a reason. There are plenty of other areas for "dirty" climbing. This is an assault on what it means to be wilderness. The job of the NFS is not to guarantee easy access for everyone otherwise I think some escalators should be installed to wilderness mountain tops to improve access. No one wants that. With modern climbing equipment access by old approaches of pitons and bolts doesn't even really improve the access that much. This just seems like someone trying to make a crack in the door to allowing anything that "improves access" to wilderness. It defeats the point of the definition of wilderness. Wilderness is a sacred experience that can't be enjoyed if despoiled.

thanks for meeting the goals of wilderness and rejecting permanent anchors and other "constructs".

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