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Comments: Wilderness is endangered. That can only get worse by encouraging more and more people to engage in recreational activities instead of just enjoying the landscape for itself. The Wilderness Act prohibits installations like fixed climbing anchors to protect the wild character. This must not be overcome by a desire to facilitate more recreation.

The agencies first duty is to protect the wilderness in its natural state and not to develop it for any recreational activity. While it is probably true that fewer people will climb without fixed anchors that in itself is not a bad thing in terms of protecting the wilderness.

Less than 3% of land in the Lower 48 is protected as wilderness and it is under threat.

It must be protected not exploited.