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Comments: Please uphold the Wilderness Act and prohibit fixed anchors in designated wilderness areas. These permanent fixtures will only degrade rocks and boulders, and contribute to overuse and overcrowding. The National Park wilderness areas belong to all the people, and should remain as pristine as possible. It is mindblowing to me that in these days of climate change the Service is considering actions which will further threaten the beauty and health of wilderness ecosystems. Please stop catering to the special interests of ranchers, hunters, and now rock climbers.

We need to start seeing that nature has intrinsic value in and of itself, and start protecting that, not minimizing it.