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Comments: Please do not go along with the proposal to place permanent climbing aids in our wilderness areas. There are many mountains with challenges for climbers outside wilderness-designated zones. The recreation lobby is rightly interested first in profits for gear manufacturers and second for satisfying the desire of a very tiny minority of citizens who cannot otherwise be satisfied with what is already available to them within our laws. I am sure they are all nice people. But this is the same sort of mentality that has driven game to extinction and despoiled our natural resources. Climbing aids of course won't do much if any damage. But it is the mentality that exceptions to the law can be made for special interests that you need to oppose. The citizens of the US have no other agencies to protect our wilderness except you. Please stand firm.