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Comments: Fixed anchors are an essential piece of climbers' safety system and are in compliance with the wilderness act. They have been used for decades and will continue to be used. Changing this standard for climbing will limit access to exploring public lands and create safety hazards for climbers. Fixed anchors are a critical part of climbing safely, and not allowing the climbing community to maintain these safety devices increases the risk of injury or death to climbers. Additionally, the new policy in unenforceable, and funds and time could be better spent by increasing access to areas rather than restricting it.