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Comments: As a CLIMBER, and a member of the climbing community for 20 years, I strongly OPPOSE the placement of fixed anchors in Wilderness settings. Placement of permanent man-made structures such as fixed anchors is in direct contradiction to Wilderness. They may be small, but the degradation of Wilderness with such structures to satisfy one group of outdoor recreationalists opens the door for greater degradation in the future for other groups. Rock climbing with fixed anchors is by no means a necessary or important use of Wilderness--this can be performed in many thousands of places outside of Wilderness. Climbing within Wilderness can be such that does not involve fixed anchors, such as bouldering--and those wishing to pursue any such climbing that is more dangerous than fixed-anchor climbing can do so at their own chosen risk. It is not the purpose of Wilderness, the NFS, the public, or anyone else to protect people from their dangerous endeavors or to mitigate their chosen risk at our expense and at the expense of Wilderness.