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Comments: Banning the use of fixed anchors in wilderness areas would heavily impact recreation in the climbing community and my ability as a guide to safely facilitate climbing experiences for my guests. Through my work as a guide I regularly clean up and improve upon "tat" anchors in order to manage risk for my clients and the climbing community as a whole. Removing our ability as a community to improve, replace, or install new hardware on routes would directly impact safety and inevitably lead to fatalities due to anchor failures. What has greater environmental impact? Sustainable climbing hardware installation or huge SAR callouts? Furthermore, this proposed policy would cast away half a century of precedent. The American public deserves to have full and safe access to wilderness climbing.