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Comments: I am NOT in support of these proposed policies would classify fixed anchors as "prohibited installations" in Wilderness areas. As an avid rock climber and steward of the High Sierras in California, I rely on fixed anchors for safety while recreating. Often climbing routes that do not have fixed anchors requires leaving even more gear behind in order to en sure a safe descent. The descent is often the most difficult part of a route and would become far more dangerous without safe anchors to rely upon. Climbers are a self-reliant user-group that often contribute more than they impact, often spending their own money to place reliable hardware for the next set of climbers to experience their route. Removing that reliable hardware would greatly impact the sport that we love, my vote is to STOP this bolt prohibition and allowing for safe and reliable anchors to remain in all wilderness areas.