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Comments: Copied from the Portland Area Climber Coalition Newsletter:

"While I appreciate the desire for both the Forest Service and the National Park Service to manage climbing activity on public lands I would urge you to redraft this policy recommendation with input from the climbing community. In particular the language that would call fixed anchors prohibited installations and require a Minimum Requirements Analysis (MRA) would likely have negative unintended consequences for many wilderness land users, including climbers, ski mountaineers, canyoneers, search and rescue and any other user that may find the need to use a fixed anchor for their safety."

Among so many other reasons why it's important to facilitate outdoor activities for humans, our species currently needs a massive shift towards prioritizing environmental conservation. The more people go outside and appreciate it, the more likely they are to work to preserve it.

Increasing the barriers to maintaining fixed anchors will make it significantly harder for people to climb outside, and especially more dangerous for beginners who may not know how to identify dangerous wear and tear in anchors that should have been replaced.