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Comments: As a climber, I want to ensure that the safe and responsible use of fixed anchors remains available to the climbing community. I respect and advocate for the responsible use of Wilderness areas and believe that fixed anchors can be a component of a sustainable Wilderness experience. Anchors are not only expensive but can be time consuming to place and therefore are typically very sparingly placed. And like all things they can break down over time becoming unsafe yet the route will still be climbed. If the maintenance/replacement option goes away accidents will be on the rise. Please revise your climbing guidance to reflect the practice and precedent of the last 60+ years-that fixed anchors for climbing can be used, replaced, and maintained in designated areas. Thanks for the opportunity to comment and for your efforts to keep the mountains pristine.