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Comments: Climbing anchors need to be protected from removal, as they are essential to our safety. Climbing is a legitimate recreation user group and the rich history climbers have in America is subject to collapse if this proposal goes any further. As climbing pre dates the wilderness act, special consideration and exemptions have always been observed. Wilderness character is not compromised with the presence of fixed anchors. Restricting new routes on non-wilderness land will also cause upheaval and confusion for both climbers and land managers. Guidance concerning fixed anchors needs to be done with a light hand from land management agencies for climbers to continue in their rich history of respecting the land and using it as a recreation resource.