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Comments: Rock climbing is an appropriate recreational activity on some National Forest lands, including designated Wilderness if it does not compromise other wilderness characteristics. However, permanently affixed anchors are inappropriate in Wilderness, Wilderness Study Areas, and Recommended Wilderness. Wilderness is not about convenience, or safety, but about challenge, self reliance, and risk. There are ample opportunities outside of these areas for climbers to ply their trade with properly vetted fixed anchors. Also, it must be remembered that recreation is not the primary intention of the Wilderness Act but just one of its' many attributes. The Forest Service must uphold the Wilderness Act by keeping fixed anchors out of Wilderness.