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Comments: The proposed changes would not be beneficial for climbers or any other parties using the wilderness.

Implementing this documentation may compromise the safety of climbers if current fixed gear were to be removed or routes are unable to be maintained in a timely manner. I and many others have used fixed gear in crucial, if not critical instances in wilderness area that otherwise would have made a climb extremely dangerous.

Furthermore, fixed gear of any kind is less intrusive than any road, trail, or visitor center. In the big picture, fixed gear has little impact on a persons wilderness experience, and therefore time and effort should be devoted to other aspects of wilderness preservation. Adding this procedure to the list of duties creates rather unnecessary work for already overburdened and underfunded land management organizations. It would likely take a long time for a request to be processed, which once again increases the risk for climbers if gear can't be maintained quickly.

Awareness is a core attribute necessary for climbing, so it follows that climbers tend to be more aware of preservation of wilderness experience and leave no trace principles than the average wilderness user. Climbers have worked contently with land managers for decades. We do not need guidance and restriction to maintain the high standard of wilderness preservation.