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Comments: Isn't the whole point of designating "wilderness" areas to protect these places and keep them wild? The very idea of installing things like fixed climbing anchors goes against the core purpose of creating a wilderness area and should not be entertained. Permanent fixed climbing anchors would degrade and deface the wilderness area.

The wilderness areas are endangered landscapes, and less than 3% of land in the US is protected as wilderness, so it is clearly under threat, especially from rapidly escalating recreation pressures.

The Wilderness Act prohibits installations and structures like permanent fixed climbing anchors in order to protect the areas' wild character. Fixed climbing anchors must not be allowed in wilderness. This is so obvious to me that it boggles my mind that it is even being considered.

Your primary duty is to protect wilderness in its natural state, and the Wilderness Act's ban on installations can only be overcome in rare administrative circumstances where the installation is necessary to protect the wilderness area. This is definitely not the case here.

Please have the foresight and intelligence to do the right thing by **not** allowing permanent fixed climbing anchors or any other recreational installations that do nothing to protect the wilderness.

Thank you!