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Comments: Please re-read the Wilderness Act.

We are to be visitors to Wilderness Areas. They are not to be manipulated and affected by modern human use, including any remnants of modern human presence. The imprint of man's work is to be "substantially unnoticeable." Permanent climbing anchors are certainly noticeable. They are not required for emergencies. The narrow administrative exception for installations does not extend to the general public seeking to create developed recreational activities in Wilderness.

Your agency's primary duty is to protect Wilderness in its natural, untrammelled state. Do not succumb to pressure from a focused special-interest group of recreational enthusiasts with other options available to them compatible with Wilderness.

Climbing without permanent fixed anchors is generally compatible with wilderness preservation, and permanently-bolted climbs outside of Wilderness are available.

If non-permanent anchors are causing deterioration of Wilderness, then only free climbing should be allowed.