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Comments: I am opposed to the current plan to consider allowing fixed permanent anchors for rock climbing in Wilderness areas. I am a rock climber too, but I think allowing permanent structures to facilitate one form of recreation undermines the meaning of the Wilderness Act to protect these areas from any permanent intrusion by humans. There are plenty of options for slings and other impermanent protection to aid rock climbing.

By the Wilderness Act your primary duty is to protect these areas in a natural untrammelled state. An permanent anchors to allow a small minority of Americans to access Wilderness sites in their chosen way should not outweigh the whole purpose of the Wilderness Act. There is no duty to provide opportunities for primitive recreation especially those that involve humans altering the landscape permanently to promote their own recreations.

Climbers have access to plenty of areas with bolted routes outside of Wilderness areas. Please do not allow this small vocal minority to coerce you in to allowing these permanent anchors to be placed.