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Comments: I have been climbing for 25 years. Fixed anchors are an essential piece of climbers' safety system. Following existing existing policies that allow use of fixed anchors for more than 50 years will do more to protect Wilderness while providing for Wilderness climbing.

Prohibiting fixed anchors will create safety issues by imposing obstacles to maintenance of fixed anchors. Fixed anchor maintenance needs to be managed in a way that allows safe anchor replacement.

Prohibiting fixed anchors will threaten America's climbing legacy and could erase some of the world's greatest climbing achievements. Climbing management policy needs to protect existing routes from removal.