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Comments: I have been a climber for over 25 years. Climbing is an integral part of my and my friends use and enjoyment of the great outdoors. Fixed anchors provide safety for climbers and are therefore essential for being able to climb.

New and restrictive guidelines for installing and or replacing fixed anchors are unreasonable considering the decades long history of allowing placement.

Any permitting process creates unnecessary red tape for continued use and replacement of fixed anchors and could result in degradation of anchors and unsafe conditions for climbers.

Restricting the establishment of new routes on non-wilderness lands is unenforceable. I feel that it is important for climbers to be able to install or replace fixed anchors unless is determined that climbing should be restricted to protect unique natural resources or cultural resources.