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Comments: The new proposed fixed anchor regulations seem like a misguided and unethical proposition...dare I say tyrannical? Fixed anchors have been a part of climbing in the back country for centuries and it seems regressive to undo the precedent and interpretation of the Wilderness Act now. To prohibit fixed anchors is a roundabout way of closing these areas and removing access to the public. Akin to telling a person that the trail is open, but they cannot leave any footprints.

There are a handful of overcrowded climbing areas in this country, and if they fall within Wilderness Lands then I fully support a proper management system to preserve the natural resources. And I understand at some select areas that may mean no climbing or fixed anchors. But the majority of the areas impacted by the proposed regulations fall in places few visit. The new proposed guidelines feel like an oppressive system that preemptively punishes climbers and greatly limits climbing opportunities before any wrongdoing has been done. I oppose the proposed regulation changes and hope I and future generations can continue to climb safely in America's greatest landscapes.