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Comments: I stand with the American Safe Climbing Association in advocating for responsible climbing practices. The proposed directives, classifying fixed anchors as 'prohibited installations' in Wilderness areas, pose significant safety concerns. Restricting maintenance of bolts and anchors not only jeopardizes climbers but also leads to resource degradation.

Bolts play a crucial role in safety, preventing accidents during rappelling, and facilitating efficient rescue operations. The proposed policies are unreasonable, unenforceable, and will have adverse effects on both safety and wilderness resources. Climbers have a vested interest in preserving the primitive nature of wilderness areas, and responsible use of fixed anchors aligns with long-standing climbing policies that have protected these spaces for over half a century.