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Comments: It is important to safeguard the activity of climbing, and the legacy of climbing history. Regulating fixed anchor use in wilderness is an appropriate concern for USFS. Existing regulations specify a minimum of fixed anchors, and a ban on powerdrills. These regulations are appropriate and sufficient. If the USFS wishes to enforce those rules, there will occasionally be citations issued for powerdrilling and excessive anchor placement. Redefining fixed anchors as installations will place climbing access behind a shield of bureaucracy that could permanently reduce wilderness opportunities for climbers. Please consider that current regulations are aligned with the highest standards of clean and traditional climbing ethics, and the climbing community at large will respect these standards. If there are a few rogue climbers breaking the rules, that is within the jurisdiction of wilderness rangers to enforce.