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Comments: As a climber, I want to ensure the safe and responsible use of fixed anchors in New River Gorge, Linville Gorge, and other areas remains available to the climbing community. I respect and advocate for the responsible use of Wilderness areas and believe that fixed anchors can be a component of a sustainable Wilderness experience. Not only that, but fixed and maintained rappelling stations can prevent serious injury and death - most climbing accidents happen while rappelling.

Please revise your climbing guidance to reflect the practice and precedent of the last 60+ years-that fixed anchors for climbing can be used, replaced, and maintained in designated New River Gorge, Linville Gorge, and other areas.