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Comments: I'm commenting in support of fixed anchors for climbing in wilderness areas. I also support the maintenance of fixed anchors. As well as allowing new fixed anchors in the future.

Fixed anchors have been allowed in wilderness areas for fifty years, there is no reason to change the precedent. These anchors need to be maintained (i.e. occasionally replaced) for safety reasons. Their impact on the land is infinitesimal, basically nobody realizes they are there except climbers. I'm not aware of any impacts to the wilderness quality of the lands on which they are placed.

There is no reason to add bureaucracy to the replacement and addition of new anchors. This act would only add confusion to the land managers.

Climbing is in the spirit of wilderness and creates minimal impacts. I would go so far as to say the climbing community, as a user group, has shown they are leading stewards of public lands.