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Comments: Allowing the installation of fixed anchors, on rockfaces in Wilderness, for recreational climbing violates the Wilderness Act and must be forbidden. The Wilderness itself provides ample opportunity for strenuous, life-threatening exercise. In fact many of the popular climbing areas lobbyists intend to develop have been successfully navigated without the need of permanent anchors, for any reason.

The Agencies duty is to protect the Wilderness character of Our lands, not fawn to the recreational tourism industry. There are plenty of great places to climb with the use of fixed anchors. Wilderness is pristine, Wilderness is rare, Wilderness is wild. Stop developing what has been preserved for a purer natural progression of landscape stewardship on geologic time.

Any proposed fixed anchor installation on a rockface in Our Wilderness preservation system must be subject to public scrutiny and approval, according to NEPA regulations.

Stop destroying what few sacred places remain!

Thank you for your consideration.