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Comments: Fixed anchors save lives in the moment and in the future. Without fixed anchors, people will die, and that'll suck! Especially because they'll try to climb something they've heard about that has fixed anchors, get to the top, and find that the anchors are old or removed, and then be in a super dangerous situation. These are not installations as defined by the Wilderness Act, and they save lives, and allow people to get outside into wilderness areas, in the spirit of Teddy Roosevelt's intention.

No one deserves to die because of a change in a definition that's remained constant for 50 years. Furthermore, America's wilderness climbing is world-class, and we should be able to safely recreate on our public land based on our safest allowed measures. I am so lucky to live in a place where I can freely and safely recreate in wilderness areas, please don't make it less safe.

Additionally, we should be able to continue establishing new routes instead of limit ourselves to "existing climbing opportunities" on non-Wilderness lands. This is unenforceable (any Rock is an existing climbing opportunity) and will create confusion amongst land managers and climbers. Non-Wilderness climbing management policy should maintain opportunities for new anchors unless and until analyses determine climbing should be restricted to protect cultural and natural resources.

We will always climb rocks, and we want to preserve them. Let us do so safely.