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Comments: I encourage the USFS to reassess their stance on the use of fixed climbing anchors in wilderness climbing areas and work with Congress on the Protect America's Rock Climbing (PARC) Act. This bill was recently included in the bipartisan Explore Public Lands Outdoor Recreation Experiences (EXPLORE) Act. Fixed anchors help manage risk and frequently provide a more sustainable approach to gaining access to the vertical realm in wilderness areas.