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Comments: USFS should not change the legality of fixed climbing anchors in our forests . Climbing has long been a part of American recreation in wilderness areas, and the ability to do so safely, with fixed anchors, has been a low profile part of that tradition for 50 years, and should continue to be so. Banning fixed anchors will limit the exploration of these areas, which is a large part of why they exist. It would be impossible to restrict climbing routes to those already available and would create nothing but confusion, making that restriction impossible to enforce.