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Comments: Climbing had been an important part of my life and an essential part of my connection to the outdoors. Fixed anchors are an essential safety feature, without which, accidents will surely increase and likely be used to further additional climbing bans. It will raise the skill threshold necessary to safely climb outdoors but will be unlikely to deterr those without the necessary skills. It is unreasonable for federal agencies to create new guidance policies prohibiting Wilderness climbing anchors across the country when they have allowed, managed, and authorized fixed anchors for decades.

Restricting the establishment of new routes to "existing climbing opportunities" on non-Wilderness lands is unenforceable 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.

I hope that you will come to the right decision and continue to slow fixed anchors in America's Wilderness areas.