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Comments: I am against the idea of banning fixed anchors in wilderness areas for climbing. I am generally against sport climbing Craig's more so than the average climber, and I feel I do understand the concern for over populating natural areas and harming nature and wildlife. But I do not believe fixed anchors in wilderness areas are correlated to those concerns. The problems of overcrowding and destruction should be addressed straight on.

There are some beautiful wilderness areas that I would never have found had I not gone there for climbing, and they are very off any sort of trail system. I will continue to visit and appreciate those areas, whether or not I can place fixed anchors or not.