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Comments: Fixed anchors are a necessary aspect of rock climbing in wilderness areas, and key to climber safety. Fixed anchors are not the same as sport climbing, which can sometimes attract large groups, but includes rappel and belay stations that are spaced hundreds of feet apart, but allow for safe rope management and ascending and descending. Without fixed anchors like these, climbers need to leave gear on the rock to descend safely, with fixed anchors (as small as two bolts, two bolt hangers and two closed steel rings) climbers can take everything with them.

If the USFS would like to restrict the number of climbers in an area, this is not a safe or effective way to do it.

Thank you.