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Comments: I suggest the climbing guidelines regarding fixed anchors be revised. Fixed anchors are an important element of a climber's safety system. When a climber is exploring wilderness areas, it is not unusual that they will need to construct, replace, or maintain a fixed anchor in order to safely make their way up or down dangerous terrain. While it is very reasonable and desirable to maintain a climbing management plan that limits the creation of anchors to the minimum necessary in order to preserve the wilderness nature and minimize ecological impact, requiring authorization for the maintenance of anchors or their impromptu construction to meet safety demands, will put climbers at risk. I hope these proposals can be revised by working closely with the climbing community to preserve safe climbing access to our wilderness areas.