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Comments: We respectfully request that the agencies issue better, common sense directives that utilize location specific Climbing Management Plans. Resources and personnel need to be dedicated from the federal agency to craft Climbing Management Plans. The proposal to declare fixed anchors as prohibited "installations" under the Wilderness Act is unwarranted. Existing management constructs, such as cost share or volunteer agreements, between the agency and climbing organizations adept at anchor maintenance and climbing area stewardship, should further enhance high quality recreation with sustainable, publicly sourced funding support. We urge the federal agencies to further working partnerships to steward our natural landscapes instead of the inverse of this new policy directive.