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Comments: I've been an active climber for the past ten years. Climbing has allowed me to experience and explore many of our amazing public lands that I would have otherwise not have. Some of my most memorable experiences have been in wilderness areas. The thought of no longer having fixed anchors deeply saddens and confuses me.

This is a short sided piece of policy. Following existing climbing policies that allow judicious use of fixed anchors for more than a half century will do more to protect Wilderness character while providing for primitive and unconfined Wilderness climbing. Prohibiting the use of fixed anchors will cause more damage to these wilderness areas than allowing them to be used and managed under current policies. This will only dissuade those who would otherwise go about using/installing anchors in a responsible and respectful way, and will encourage the opposite end of that spectrum- those willing to break rules/laws and cause more damage to these areas.

Prohibiting these anchors will not stop climbing in wilderness areas. It will only make it more dangerous and cast a heavier burden on rangers, SAR, and law enforcement.